

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 238**

S. P. 109

In Senate, February 3, 1977

On motion of Senator Speers of Kennebec referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Levine of Kennebec.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Eliminate the Requirement of the Secretary of State  
to Maintain a Copy of Murder Transcripts.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the prompt deletion of this needless requirement will result in immediate savings; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

15 MRSA § 454, 2nd sentence, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the expensive requirement of the Secretary of State to maintain a copy of all murder transcripts. By eliminating this requirement, substantial savings will be realized and in those rare cases which are the exception rather than the rule when a transcript shall be provided for pardon hearings, a duplicate copy can be easily obtained through the clerk of court where filing previously took place.