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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 310, L.D. 401, Bill,
"AN ACT to Increase the Salaries of the Judiciary."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

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

Whereas, the present level of compensation for members
of the Judiciary is inadequate; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the/compensation for
judges and
justices of this State be adjusted to levels in keeping with
their duties and responsibilities; 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, '

Further amend the Bill in section 1 in that part
designated "§4." by striking out all of the first underlined
sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court shall each
receive an annual salary of \$29,500 until June 30, 1978 and
\$33,000 thereafter; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme
Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of \$31,000
until June 30, 1978 and \$34,500 thereafter.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "§102." and inserting in its place the following:

'§102. Salary; expenses

Each of the Justices of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of \$29,000 until June 30, 1978 and \$32,500 thereafter. Section 4, relating to reimbursement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for expenses incurred by them, shall apply to Justices of the Superior Court.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'The Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and to confirmation by the Legislature, shall appoint to the District Court 5 judges at large and 15 judges. At least one judge shall be appointed in each district who shall be a resident thereof, except that in District 3 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents thereof and except that in District 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents thereof. Each shall have a term of office of 7 years. Each judge shall receive an annual salary of \$26,500 until June 30, 1978 and \$30,000 thereafter; and the Chief Judge shall receive a salary of \$27,500 until June 30, 1978 and \$31,000 thereafter annually. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court

shall designate one of the judges as Chief Judge. Each judge shall be reimbursed for his expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in performing his duties, upon presentation to the State Controller of a detailed statement of such expenses approved by the Chief Judge.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial Department for fiscal year 1977-78 the sum of \$189,437 and for fiscal year 1978-79 the sum of \$378,875 to be used for salary increases. The breakdown shall be as follows:

| | <u>1977-78</u> | <u>1978-79</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT | | |
| Supreme and Superior Courts | | |
| Unallocated | \$103,687 | \$207,375 |
| District Court | | |
| Unallocated | 85,750 | 171,500 |

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will allow salary increases of \$3,500 in the first year and an additional \$3,500 in the 2nd year

to judges along with increases in proportion to retired
judges and also makes the/ ^{bill} an emergency.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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