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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 417

H. P. 326

House of Representatives, February 10, 1977

On motion of Mr. Spencer of Standish, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Clarify Authorization for Payment of Witness Fees for State
Witnesses in Criminal Prosecutions.**

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

15 MRSA § 1320, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 775, § 1, is amended to read:

1. **Payments.** Payments made hereunder shall be made from the county treasury **upon authorization of the prosecuting attorney**, unless otherwise expressly directed by law and the payments shall be made from the sums set aside in the county budget for the payments on account of Superior Court criminal proceedings.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the authorization of the prosecuting attorney before the County Treasurer can make payments of witness fees for state witnesses in criminal prosecutions.