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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-51)

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 574, L.D. 698, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide for 8-person Juries in Civil Cases."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the Title and
inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT Concerning the Number of Jurors Serving on Civil
Trial Juries.'

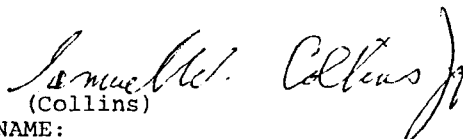
Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'14 MRSA §1204, last ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 41, §1,
is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide for
the trial of civil actions by juries of 6, 7 or 8 jurors;
provided ~~that~~ that the parties to a civil action
may stipulate that the jury may consist of any number of jurors
less than provided by such rule; and provided further
that any party to a civil action shall have the right to a
jury consisting of 8 jurors if such party so requests before the
day of the trial.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit the court to increase the number of persons on juries in civil actions from 6 to 8 and to provide greater flexibility in the number of civil jurors, guaranteeing the right to 8 jurors if requested.


(Collins)

NAME:

COUNTY: Knox

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