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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 635, L.D. 838, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Administration of the Judicial Department."

Amend the bill by inserting after the Title and 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, there will be no funds for the administration of Maine's court system unless funds for that administration are appropriated by July 1, 1977; and

Whereas, it is vital that funds be appropriated immediately so that Maine's court system may be properly administered; 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 by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 13. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year 1977-78, the sum of \$140,848 and for the fiscal year 1978-79, the sum of \$145,878 to be used for the administration of the court systems. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
Supreme and Superior Courts		
Personal Services	(4) \$ 74,934	(4) \$ 76,674
All Other	15,410	16,181
District Court		
Personal Services	(3) \$ 34,934	(3) \$ 36,674
All Other	15,570	16,349

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, except for section 13, which shall take effect on July 1, 1977.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides the Supreme and Superior Courts/a
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 fiscal manager, secretary, secretary-bookkeeper /chief adminis-
 trator justice, plus additional compensation and clerical assist-
 and
 ance as provided in Title 4, section 102, /the District Court with a
 fiscal manager, secretary, secretary-bookkeeper and additional

compensation for the chief judge, plus fringe benefits and related all other costs for both courts. It also provides an emergency clause for continuance of the administration of the courts beyond June 30, 1977.

Reported by Report "C" of the Committee on Judiciary.

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