

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1364

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

On motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Uniformity in the Method of Payment of Fees in
Criminal Cases.

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

15 MRSA § 1321 is enacted to read:

§ 1321. Payment of fees

In all criminal or traffic infraction proceedings in the District Court, payment of witness fees for state witnesses, fees and expenses payable on account of the services of police officers as witnesses and as complainants, and fees and expenses payable on account of the services of police officers in serving criminal process shall be made upon authorization by the prosecuting attorney or his designee. The amount of the fees and expenses shall be determined as follows:

1. Payments. Payments made under this section shall be made from the county treasury, and the payments shall be made from the sums set aside in the county budget for the payment required for the support of the courts under Title 4, section 118.

2. Deduction. In making the payments for the support of the courts required under Title 4, section 118, each county shall deduct therefrom such amount as the Treasurer of State shall determine in each county represents the amount expended by that county under this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make uniform the method of payment of fees in criminal cases and to give to each District Attorney the same control over fees in the District Court as he now has in the Superior Court.