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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1629

H. P. 1419

House of Representatives, April 14, 1977

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 Authorize the Chief Justice to Employ Court Officers.

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

4 MRSA § 570 is enacted to read:

§ 570. Court officers and other judicial personnel

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall appoint bailiffs, cryers, court officers, security personnel and other employees and assistants as may be necessary to serve the orderly and proper function of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Superior Court and the District Court. The duties of such bailiffs, cryers, court officers and other court personnel shall be as prescribed by the Chief Justice. Such personnel shall be compensated as determined by the Chief Justice.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to appoint and employ court officers, bailiffs, cryers, etc., to provide courtroom security for judge and jury and for other court purposes. In the past, such courtroom personnel as have been available have usually been furnished by sheriffs' departments or by police departments.