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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1794, L.D. 1894, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Establish the Maine Juvenile Code."

Amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated  
"§3307." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting  
in its place the following:

'1. Juvenile hearings conducted as they would be for  
adults. Unless the juvenile elects a jury trial as provided  
for in section 3307-A, hearings under this Part shall be held  
without a jury but in all other respects shall be conducted in  
a formal manner as if the juvenile were an adult accused of a  
crime.

The Maine Rules of Evidence shall apply in such hearings.'

Further amend the Bill in section 1 by inserting after  
that part designated "§3307." the following:

'§3307-A. Jury trial

1. Juvenile accused of a juvenile crime. A juvenile  
accused of a juvenile crime shall have a right to have the  
charges against him adjudicated by a jury. Except where  
otherwise specifically provided, such jury trial shall be  
conducted in the same manner as a jury trial of an adult accused  
of a crime. If the juvenile elects a jury trial, the juvenile  
court shall notify the district attorney and shall forthwith  
transfer the case to the appropriate Superior Court for a  
jury trial.

2. Dispositional powers. In proceedings under sub-section 1, the Superior Court shall have the same dispositional powers as are afforded the juvenile court.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment calls for a right to a jury trial for juveniles.

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