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H. P. 458

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Providing Authority to Modify District Court Divisions and Districts by
Rule of Court after Public Hearing.**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 153, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 35, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 154, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 425, § 3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA § 154-A is enacted to read:

§ 154-A. District court; judicial divisions and districts

The supreme Judicial Court shall have the authority to prescribe rules establishing judicial divisions and districts for the District Court. No rule shall be promulgated to change the now existing judicial divisions and districts unless and until a public hearing is held on the proposed change.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Supreme Judicial Court the authority to establish by rule the judicial divisions and districts of the District Court.