

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 695**

S. P. 246

In Senate, February 22, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Authorize Service of Process by Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace.**

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

14 MRSA § 714 is enacted to read:

**§ 714. Service of process by notaries public and justices of the peace**

**Service of all process may be made by a notary public or justice of the peace not a party to the action, who shall be compensated therefor as are sheriffs and their deputies.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, process may only be served by sheriffs, sheriffs' deputies and constables. Recently, delays have been frequent in service. To avoid delays, this bill authorizes service of process by notaries public and justices of the peace, in addition to sheriffs and their deputies.