

L.D. 1375

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \hat{H} " to H.P. 1092, L.D. 1375, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Criminal Appeals and Search Warrants."

Amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out all of the 2nd underlined sentence of that part designated "<u>§55</u>." and inserting in its place the following: The evidence presented to the magistrate in support of the search warrant may consist of affidavits and other evidence under oath or affirmation which is capable of being reduced to a record for purposes of review.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "<u>§2115-A.</u>" by striking out in the 3rd line of subsection 1 (same in L.D.) the underlined words "<u>law court</u>" and inserting in their place the underlined words '<u>Supreme</u> <u>Judicial Court</u>'; and by striking out in the 3rd line of subsection 2 (2nd line in L.D.) the underlined words "<u>law</u> <u>court</u>" and inserting in their place the underlined words '<u>Supreme Judicial Court</u>'; and by striking out in the 7th and 10th lines of subsection 3 (6th, 7th and 8th lines in L.D.) the underlined words "<u>law court</u>" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'Supreme Judicial Court'. Committee Amendment "H" to H.P. 1092, L.D. 1375 -2-

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds a provision that allows affidavits or other evidence supporting a warrant to be affirmed as well as sworn. This is a requirement under the Constitution of Maine. The amendment also corrects the reference to the law court by changing the reference to the Supreme Judicial Court.

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