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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S. P. 470, L.D. 1418, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Bail Commissioners and to Lessen the Burden upon Sheriffs and the Court for "Prompt Bail Review."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §5541 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§541. Bail commissioners appointed by the court

The District Court Judge resident in each district, with the concurrence of the Superior Court regional presiding Justice for the judicial region including that district, may appoint one or more residents of the district as bail commissioners. Bail commissioners appointed by a District Court Judge or Superior Court Justice shall continue in office at the pleasure of that judge and that regional presiding justice. Bail commissioners shall have the powers of justices of the peace to administer oaths or affirmations in carrying out their duties.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that any citizen may be appointed a bail commissioner. It also clarifies the language of the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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