

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1749**

H.P. 1640

House of Representatives, January 2, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Increase the Amount which the District Court is Allowed to Deposit into the District Court Building Fund from \$3,000 per Month to \$120,000 Per Year.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the District Court may deposit up to \$3,000 per month from its fines, bail forfeitures and fees into a building fund; and

Whereas, this maximum amount has not been changed in 15 years and is inadequate to meet present needs; and

Whereas, the building fund is entirely inadequate to meet the immediate needs for building, remodeling and furnishings; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 163, sub-§ 3, 2nd sentence is amended to read:**

The sum of ~~\$3,000 per month~~ **\$120,000 per year** shall be deposited in this fund until the Chief Judge certifies to the Treasurer of State that physical facilities for the District Court throughout the State are such that further deposits in said special building fund are no longer necessary.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
District Court Administration	\$21,000	\$84,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Under present statute, the District Court is allowed to deposit up to \$3,000 per month out of fines, bail forfeitures and fees into the District Court Building Fund. This fund is used for building, remodeling and furnishing of quarters for the District Court. This amount has remained the same since 1964, even though the high rate of inflation has vastly decreased its purchasing power. Recognizing this inflation, this bill increases the allowable deposit from \$3,000 per month to \$120,000 per year, or an average of \$10,000 per month.