

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-922)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1733, L.D. 1849, Bill, "AN ACT to Expedite Criminal Trials and Provide for the Election of Jury Trials."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Fiscal Note

There will be no cost this biennium, but there will be future cost starting next biennium. The court administrator has indicated that this bill will result in additional cost of  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  \$177,000 to \$237,000 per year, exclusive of anticipated capital requirements of perhaps \$50,000 within 2 years of enactment. These figures are based upon the assumption that this bill requires hiring 14 full-time employees at the cost of \$140,000 per year. If the hiring of full time employees could be avoided, the cost could be reduced substantially

If the Superior Court activities decrease, there could be some savings as a result, which could offset some of the cost.

Based upon information available and the fact that there are questions as to the proper way to implement this bill, an accurate estimate of cost is not possible at this time. The court system will be submitting their budgetary requests to the Governor next fall, at which time hopefully more accurate figures will be available to consider before the bill becomes effective July 1, 1981.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add a fiscal note to the bill.