

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1145

S. P. 387

In Senate, March 5, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Devoe of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Allow Court Witnesses their Reasonable Expenses Subject to Certain Limits.

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

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA § 251, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 16, is further amended to read:

Witnesses, other than members of the State Police or municipal police officers, in the Supreme Judicial Court, the Superior Court, the District Court or ~~in the probate court~~ **Probate Court**, unless the court shall otherwise order, ~~shall receive \$10~~, and before referees, auditors or commissioners specially appointed to take testimony or special commissioners on disputed claims appointed by ~~probate courts, \$10 a Probate Court~~ or before the county commissioners ~~\$10 for each day's attendance and 10¢ a mile for each mile's travel going and returning home~~ shall receive **\$10 for each day's attendance and their reasonable expenses not to exceed the limits generally applicable to employees of the Judicial Department with respect to meal, lodging and transportation expenses.**

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

	1981-82	1982-83
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
All Other	\$13,700	\$15,800

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the witness fee schedule for persons appearing before courts and certain quasi-judicial tribunals. It allows reasonable expenses to be paid not to exceed the limits set for state employees on meal, lodging and transportation allowances.