

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1433**

S. P. 506

In Senate, March 20, 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.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Provide the Supreme Judicial Court with Rule-making Authority over Court Records and Certain Abandoned Property.**

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

4 MRSA § 8-A is enacted to read:

**§ 8-A. Rules on courts records and abandoned property**

The Supreme Judicial Court may prescribe, repeal, add to, amend or modify rules or orders:

1. **Records.** To establish retention and disposition schedules for the fiscal, managerial and court records of all the judicial courts of the State, and to authorize the disposition of such records as have no archival, historical or judicial value to the State to warrant permanent preservation, and to authorize the transfer to the Maine State Archives of such records, upon any reasonable terms and conditions as the State Archivist and the Supreme Judicial Court may agree, to be kept in accordance with the Archives and Records Management Law; and

2. **Abandoned property.** To provide, after reasonable notice to interested parties or their attorneys, for the transfer to the Treasurer of State for disposition as abandoned property in the manner provided by Title 33, sections 1357 and 1358 of property in the possession or custody of the courts of this State as a result of civil or criminal litigation.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides the Supreme Judicial Court with the power and authority to prescribe, repeal, add to, amend or modify rules or orders relating to court records and abandoned property.