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(EMERGENCY)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 31

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H.P. 26

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Jalbert of Lewiston.

Cosponsors: Senator Trafton of Androscoggin, Representative Gauvreau of Lewiston and Representative Callahan of Mechanic Falls.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Providing for an Additional  
District Court Judge Within the Judicial  
Division of Southern Androscoggin County.

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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 case load for the District Court of Southern Androscoggin County has increased to the point where it is necessary to attempt to clear the dockets to prevent undue hardship on the people of Maine; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to assist in bringing pending criminal and civil matters in the District Court to a conclusion; and

1           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
6 therefore,

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

9           Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §157, first ¶, as amended by PL  
10 1981, c. 705, Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

11           The Governor, subject to review by the ~~Joint~~  
12 ~~Standing Committee on Judiciary~~ joint standing com-  
13 mittee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
14 judiciary and to confirmation by the Legislature,  
15 shall appoint, to the District Court, 6 judges at  
16 large and ~~15~~ 16 judges. At least one judge shall be  
17 appointed in each district who shall be a resident  
18 thereof, except that in District 3, District 8 and  
19 District 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who  
20 shall be residents thereof and ~~except that in Dis-~~  
21 ~~trict 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall~~  
22 ~~be residents thereof~~. Each shall have a term of  
23 office of 7 years. Each judge shall receive an  
24 annual salary of \$33,202 until June 30, 1981, and an  
25 annual salary of \$34,862 until June 30, 1982, and an  
26 annual salary of \$38,260 thereafter; and the Chief  
27 Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$34,347 until  
28 June 30, 1981, and an annual salary of \$36,064 until  
29 June 30, 1982, and an annual salary of \$39,260 there-  
30 after. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial  
31 Court shall designate one of the judges as Chief  
32 Judge. Each judge shall be reimbursed for his  
33 expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in  
34 performing his duties, upon presentation to the State  
35 Controller of a detailed statement of such expenses  
36 approved by the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge, with  
37 the advice and consent of the Chief Justice of the  
38 Supreme Judicial Court, shall designate one of the  
39 District Court Judges as Deputy Chief Judge. The Dep-  
40 uty Chief Judge shall receive compensation of \$500  
41 annually in addition to his annual salary as District  
42 Court Judge.

