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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 H.P. 226

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9 Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Curtis of Waldoboro.
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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18 AN ACT Relating to Bail Procedures.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 15 MRSA §942, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

23 1-A. Absence of judge or bail commissioner. If
24 a bail commissioner or judge is not reasonably avail-
25 able, a police officer may act as bail commissioner
in ordering release on personal recognizance.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill proposes to correct a very costly prob-
28 lem facing county budgets and municipal property tax-
29 payers. Approximately 1/3 of all prisoners in our
30 county jails are awaiting their first appearance
31 before a judge. These prisoners were not able to
32 make bail so as to be released.

1 This bill expands the use of the personal
2 recognizance bail provisions police officers pres-
3 ently have.

4 This measure could result in great savings to
5 taxpayers with proper implementation of this concept.

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