

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 556

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7 S.P. 155

In Senate, February 3, 1983

8 On Motion of Senator Carpenter of Aroostook referred to the Committee
9 on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and
ordered printed. (By Request)

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.
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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Supreme Judicial
18 Court and Superior Court Capital Fund.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 4 MRSA §119 is enacted to read:

23 §119. Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court Cap-
24 ital Fund

25 The Treasurer of State shall establish a special
26 Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court Capital
27 Fund to be used solely for the building, remodeling
28 and furnishing of quarters for these courts, as
29 determined by the Chief Justice. The sum of \$3,000
30 shall be deposited monthly in this fund until the
31 Chief Justice certifies to the Treasurer of State
32 that physical facilities for the Supreme Judicial
33 Court and Superior Court are such that further depos-

1 its in the special capital fund are no longer neces-
2 sary.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This bill establishes a fund to be used for the
5 building, remodeling and furnishing of quarters for
6 the Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court. It is
7 patterned after the District Court Building Fund
8 established by Title 4, section 163, subsection 3.
9 Currently, there is no appropriation for this purpose
10 and, when new justices are appointed, the expenses
11 for the establishment of chambers as well as other
12 necessary repairs and alterations to physical facili-
13 ties occupied by these courts are taken from capital
14 equipment funds of the Judicial Department. These
15 expenses, often unanticipated, deplete the funds
16 otherwise available for necessary capital equipment
17 for these courts.

18 The Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court
19 occupy space in county buildings by provision of
20 Title 4, section 115. The county governments pay
21 into the General Fund \$764,000 annually by provision
22 of Title 4, section 118.

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