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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

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7 H.P. 480

House of Representatives, February 7, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on February 7, 1983. Referred to the
9 Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsors: Representative Hayden of Durham, Representative Mitchell
11 of Vassalboro and Senator Kany of Kennebec.

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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 Improve Access to Small
18 Claims Court.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §164, sub-§3 is amended to read:

23 3. Days and hours for holding court. Fix the
24 days and hours for holding court in each division,
25 consistent with section 181;

26 Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §181 is enacted to read:

27 §181. Hours for small claims

28 Each District Court shall be available for at
29 least one hour, one evening each month, for the hear-
30 ing of small claims under Title 14, chapter 738. The
31 office of the clerk to that District Court shall open

1 at the same time to receive any small claims'
2 notices.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This bill requires that each District Court be
5 available for small claims during evening hours at
6 least one hour each month. The bill should result in
7 no increased costs in operating District Courts. The
8 Chief Judge of the District Court has authority to
9 establish the hours of operation and may accommodate
10 the requirements of this bill without increasing
11 working hours or expending more funds.

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