

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. 984

7 H.P. 753

House of Representatives, March 3, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent
9 up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Andrews of Portland.

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 Making Appropriations and
18 Allocations for the Expenditures of State
19 Government to Insure that Maine Courts are
20 Accessible to the Handicapped.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 **Sec. 1. Undertake renovations to court facili-**
25 **ties.** The State Director of Public Improvements, in
26 cooperation with the State Court Administrator and
27 the county commissioners of the respective counties,
28 shall undertake necessary renovations to the Superior
29 Court courthouses identified in this Act to provide
30 access to the physically handicapped in accordance
31 with all applicable state and federal laws.

32 **Sec. 2. Apportionment of expenses.** The cost of
33 making the improvements required by section 1 shall
34 be apportioned between the State and the respective
35 counties as follows:

		State Share (%)	County Share (%)
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2	1. Androscoggin	65	35
3	2. Aroostook	0	100
4	3. Cumberland	60	40
5	4. Franklin	65	35
6	5. Hancock	0	100
7	6. Kennebec	65	35
8	7. Lincoln	0	100
9	8. Oxford	65	35
10	9. Penobscot	25	75
11	10. Piscataquis	0	100
12	11. Sagadahoc	65	35
13	12. Somerset	65	35
14	13. Waldo	65	35
15	14. Washington	65	35
16	15. York	65	35

17 **Sec. 3. Counties' shares of improvement costs;**
18 **taxes apportioned.** The following sums are taxes on
19 the counties identified in this section, to be appor-
20 tioned, assessed collected and applied to the purpose
21 set out in this Act. The taxes required to be
22 imposed under this section may be imposed in calendar
23 year 1983 or 1984, as agreed by the State Director of
24 Public Improvements, the State Court Administrators
25 and the county commissioners of the respective coun-
26 ties:

27	1. Androscoggin	\$35,420
28	2. Aroostook	8,000
29	3. Cumberland	24,000
30	4. Franklin	37,800
31	5. Hancock	700
32	6. Kennebec	46,550
33	7. Lincoln	2,500
34	8. Oxford	36,820
35	9. Penobscot	16,500
36	10. Piscataquis	3,300
37	11. Sagadahoc	37,850
38	12. Somerset	45,850
39	13. Waldo	43,400
40	14. Washington	42,700
41	15. York	37,380

42 **Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are
43 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
44 purposes of this Act.

1	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
2	<u>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,</u>	
3	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
4	Bureau of Public	
5	Improvements	
6	\$358,590	\$358,590
7	All Other	
8	Provides funds to undertake	
9	physical improvements at	
10	Superior Court courthouses	
11	to make them accessible to	
	the handicapped.	
12	Sec. 5. Apportionment of funds. The funds	
13	appropriated from the General Fund under section 4	
14	shall be apportioned, as set forth in this section,	
15	to the counties listed in this section. The State	
16	Director of Public Improvements shall determine how	
17	each year's total appropriation shall be divided	
18	among the respective counties to fulfill the purposes	
19	of this Act.	
20	Androscoggin	\$65,780
21	Cumberland	36,000
22	Franklin	70,250
23	Kennebec	86,450
24	Oxford	68,380
25	Penobscot	5,500
26	Sagadahoc	70,350
27	Somerset	85,150
28	Waldo	80,600
29	Washington	79,300
30	York	69,420
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32 STATEMENT OF FACT

33 A significant number of Maine's court facilities
34 are not accessible to the physically handicapped.
35 Many handicapped persons are effectively deprived of
36 the use of our courts because of architectural and
37 other barriers to physical access. These barriers
38 include the failure of the facilities to provide
39 wheelchair ramps, proper elevators and accessible

1 rest-room facilities. The purpose of this bill is to
2 appropriate money to correct this situation.

3 The amounts set forth in this bill and the for-
4 mula established for their expenditure have been
5 agreed to by the State Director of Public Improve-
6 ments and the County Commissioners' Association.

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