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1 (New Draft of H.P. 378, L.D. 519)
2 (New Title)
3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1395

9 H.P. 973

House of Representatives, April 25, 1985

10 Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Judiciary and printed
11 under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative Foster of
12 Ellsworth. Cosponsored by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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19 AN ACT to Study the Location of the Supreme
20 Judicial Court in the City of Augusta.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. Relocation commission established.
25 There is established the Supreme Judicial Court Relo-
26 cation Commission. The commission shall consist of 9
27 members to be appointed as follows: Two members of
28 the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate,
29 one a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judi-
30 ciary and one a member of the Joint Standing Commit-
31 tee on State Government; 3 members of the House of
32 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
33 House, one a member of the Joint Standing Committee
34 on Judiciary, one a member of the Joint Standing Com-
35 mittee on State Government and one a member of the
36 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Finan-
37 cial Affairs; 2 members appointed by the Chief Jus-

1 tice of the Supreme Judicial Court; and 2 members of
2 the public appointed by the Governor.

3 The commission shall request the Chief Justice of
4 the Supreme Judicial Court or his designee to serve
5 as advisor to the commission.

6 Sec. 2. Duties of commission. The commission
7 shall investigate any possible consolidation of ex-
8 isting functions and personnel of the Supreme Judi-
9 cial Court and the disposition and acquisition of
10 court facilities.

11 Sec. 3. Report. The commission shall report its
12 findings together with any implementing legislation
13 to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legisla-
14 ture.

15 Sec. 4. Assistance. The Office of Legislative
16 Assistants and the Legislative Finance Office shall
17 provide assistance to the commission in carrying out
18 its duties. The commission shall request from the
19 Judicial Department any assistance it needs from that
20 department.

21 Sec. 5. Compensation. The members of the commis-
22 sion shall receive no compensation, but shall be re-
23 imburged for all necessary expenses.

24 Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are
25 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
26 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
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28	<u>LEGISLATURE, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
29	Supreme Judicial Court Re-	
30	location Commission	
31	All Other	\$2,300 \$4,400

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft establishes a relocation commission to investigate the relocation and report to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

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The purpose of this new draft is to delete the sections of the original bill that required the Supreme Judicial Court be moved to Augusta. The new draft instead requires only that a study commission investigate the possibility of moving the court.

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The new draft also provides that members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the Joint Standing Committee on State Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs will serve on the study commission.

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The new draft changes the time the commission must report its findings from the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

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The new draft provides for staffing assistance.

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Because of the changed reporting date and because the original appropriation section did not reflect the actual costs of payment of expenses and printing associated with the study commission the appropriation section of the bill is changed to reflect the true costs of such a study. The appropriation assumes 6 meetings of the study commission, 2 of which may be public hearings.

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