

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 440

H.P. 341 House of Representatives, February 19, 1987
On Motion of Representative PARADIS of Augusta referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative MARSANO of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Representatives VOSE of Eastport, WARREN of Scarborough and Senator BLACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Bail Commissioners.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

14 MRSA §5541, as amended by PL 1983, c. 688, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§5541. Bail commissioners appointed by the court

The District Court Judge resident in each district, with the concurrence of the Chief Judge of the District Court, may appoint one or more residents of the district as bail commissioners. A bail commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the District Court Judge resident in the district or the Chief Judge of the District Court, but no term for which a bail commissioner is appointed may exceed 5 years.

1 The unexpired term of any bail commissioner appointed
2 prior to September 14, 1979, shall terminate on De-
3 cember 31, 1987. Bail commissioners shall have the
4 powers of notaries public to administer oaths or af-
5 firmations in carrying out their duties.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to initiate a system
8 under which bail commissioners are appointed for a
9 definite term, so as to insure better control over
10 the bail system.

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