

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 11, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Pert'.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

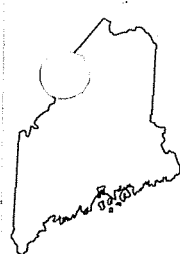
Presented by Representative MILLS of Bethel.

Cosponsored by Representative HOGLUND of Portland, Representative NUTTING of Leeds and Senator ERWIN of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens on County Jails.



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

3 17-A MRSA §1254, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

5 2-A. If the length of the unsuspended portion of a
7 prisoner's term of imprisonment is 8 days or more, a prisoner
9 sentenced to a county jail may be released at any time on the
11 final day of imprisonment, in accordance with jail release
13 procedures; otherwise, the prisoner shall not be released until
15 the prisoner has served the full term of hours or days imposed by
17 the court.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 By reducing the number of prisoners required to be released
19 at odd hours, this bill permits county jails to release prisoners
21 during the hours when each jail can most efficiently process
them, except when the prisoner's sentence is very short. It is
similar to the provision for state prisoners.