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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 849, L.D. 1181, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Number of Superior Court Justices and District Court Judges"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, additional judges are needed immediately to adjudicate serious matters pending before the Superior Courts and District Courts; and

Whereas, the Legislature is concerned that the Constitutional requirement for speedy justice be met; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in the 4th line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined figure "11" and inserting in its place the following: '10'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in the 4th line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the figure "15" and inserting in its place the following: '15 16'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A by striking out all of the 2nd sentence (page 1, lines 34 to 39 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'At least one judge shall be appointed in each district who shall be a resident of the district, except that in District 3, District 6 and District 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents of the district and--in-District--9--there--shall--be--2 judges-appointed-who-shall-be-residents-of-the-district.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

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'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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**Courts - Supreme, Superior, District
and Administrative**

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Positions

(4)

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Personal Services

\$472,847

\$472,847

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Provides funds for salaries
and benefits for 2 Justices
of the Superior Court and 2
Judges of the District Court.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment provides that the District Court will gain
one judge at large and one resident judge. The bill added 2
judges at large. The amendment also adds District 6 as a
district entitled to 2 judges at large and provides an
appropriation for the 2 new justices and 2 new judges.

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