

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 21, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

Cosponsored by Representative HOGLUND of Portland, Representative PARADIS of Augusta and Representative MARSANO of Belfast.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**An Act to Provide Additional Information to People with Small Claims  
Actions.**

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

4 Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7487 is enacted to read:

6 **§7487. Clerk to provide information sheet**

8 The District Court clerk shall provide to any person  
10 commencing a small claims action, and to any other party to a  
12 small claims action, an information sheet in such form as the  
14 Supreme Judicial Court requires by rule. The information sheet  
16 must include, but is not limited to:

18 1. Procedure. An explanation of the procedural steps  
20 necessary to a small claims action;

22 2. Sources. A listing of other sources of information; and

24 3. Instructions. Clear, concise instructions on how to  
26 fill out any forms necessary to a small claims action.

28 **Sec. 2. Rules; Supreme Judicial Court.** The Supreme Judicial  
30 Court shall develop by rule the form and contents of the  
32 information sheet required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
34 14, section 7487, as set out in section 1 of this Act by  
36 September 1, 1990.

38 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Act shall take effect  
September 1, 1990.

30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This bill requires the Supreme Judicial Court to develop an  
34 information sheet to be distributed by District Court clerks to  
36 persons who file or are parties to small claims actions. The  
38 information sheets must be developed by September 1, 1990, and  
must include instructions in filling out forms and information  
concerning small claims procedures and other sources of  
information.