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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "^A" to H.P. 176, L.D. 261, Bill, "An Act to Amend the State Law Library System"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §193, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 510, §1, is amended to read:

§193. System of law libraries

There ~~shall-be~~ is a system of law libraries within the State, under the supervision of the State Court Library Committee. These libraries ~~shall-be~~ are arranged in a tier system according to the extent of potential use.

Tier I libraries ~~shall-be~~ are located in:

Cumberland County, Portland; and

Penobscot County, Bangor.

Tier II libraries ~~shall-be~~ are located in:

Androscoggin County, Auburn;

~~Aroostook County, Houlton; and~~

Hancock County, Ellsworth; and

York County, Alfred.

Tier III libraries ~~shall-be~~ are located in:

Aroostook County, Caribou;

~~Franklin County, Farmington;~~

2 Knox County, Rockland;
4 Lincoln County, Wiscasset;
6 Oxford County, South Paris;
8 Sagadahoc County, Bath;
10 Somerset County, Skowhegan; and
12 Washington County, Machias; and
14 York County, Alfred.
16 ~~Tier IV libraries shall be located in~~
18 ~~Areostock County, Garibour~~
20 ~~Kennebec County, Augusta~~
22 ~~Oxford County, Rumford~~
24 ~~Piscataquis County, Deerfield, and~~
26 ~~Waldo County, Belfast.~~

28 All funds appropriated by the Legislature for the use and
30 benefit of the law libraries after the effective date of this
32 chapter shall must be paid to the Administrative Office of the
34 Courts and shall be disbursed by that office under the direction
36 of the State Court Library Committee for purchase of law books,
legal literature and library equipment and necessary personnel.
The committee shall allocate a specific amount of any
appropriation for each tier, and each library within a specific
tier shall must receive an equal share of that amount.

38 The State Court Library Committee shall establish guidelines
40 for each tier.

42 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
44 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
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46 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

48 State Court Library Committee

2 All Other (\$47,292) (\$56,750)
4 Provides for the
6 deappropriation of funds as a
8 result of changing the status
10 of 8 law libraries in the
State to include the closing
of some libraries and
reclassifying others.

12 FISCAL NOTE

14 1991-92 1992-93

16 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

18 General Fund (\$47,292) (\$56,750)

20 This bill provides General Fund deappropriations from cost
22 savings achieved through changes in the law library system.
24 These amounts may require adjustment depending upon the current
services budget enacted. The Governor's adjusted current
26 services budget proposes to reduce the state court library system
through the elimination of Tier III and IV libraries and, as a
28 result, recommends deappropriations in the amount of \$102,176 in
fiscal year 1992-92 and \$104,607 in fiscal year 1992-93. If the
30 Governor's proposal is enacted, the cost savings generated by
this bill could not be realized.'

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This amendment replaces the bill. It revises the status of
36 8 law libraries in the State as recommended by the State Court
Library Committee. The changes are as follows.

38 1. The Tier II library in Houlton is merged with the
40 library in Caribou and the library in Caribou is raised from a
Tier IV to a Tier III library, since the largest concentration of
42 judges, lawyers and cases has moved from Houlton to Caribou and
the Superior Court sits in Caribou on a regular basis, rather
44 than in Houlton.

46 2. The Tier IV library in Rumford is merged with the
library at South Paris which remains a Tier III library.

48 3. The Tier IV library in Dover-Foxcroft serving
50 Piscataquis County is closed and the lawyers from that county
will use the libraries in Penobscot and Somerset Counties.

