

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 176

House of Representatives, February 1, 1991

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
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 RICHARDS of Hampden.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Amend the State Law Library System.**

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

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4       Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §193, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 510, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6       **§193. System of law libraries**

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

12       All funds appropriated by the Legislature for the use and benefit of the law libraries after September 18, 1981 must be paid to the Administrative Office of the Courts and disbursed by that office under the direction of the State Court Library Committee to purchase law books, legal literature and library equipment and hire necessary personnel. The committee shall allocate a specific amount of any appropriation for each tier and each library within a specific tier is entitled to an equal share of that amount.

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

26       Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §194, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 510, §1, is amended to read:

28       **§194. Duties of State Court Library Committee**

30       The State Court Library Committee shall govern the county law library system. It shall formulate policy and exercise control and, including the arrangement of library locations within the tier structure according to the extent of potential use of each library. The committee may delegate administrative policy.

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40       **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42       This bill removes from the law the present designations of the tier system of law libraries and allows the State Court Library Committee to make changes in tier assignments that reflect changes in the use of libraries.