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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding Claim and Notice of Disclosure.



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

14 MRSA §7484, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989,
c. 88, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Service of statement of claim and notice of disclosure. When requested by the plaintiff, the clerk shall cause the statement of claim and the notice of disclosure, including the notice of the place, date and time of hearing, to be served upon the defendant. A fee must be charged to the plaintiff for service. A plaintiff may elect to arrange for service of the statement of claim and the notice of disclosure, including the notice of the place, date and time of hearing, other than by the clerk.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill gives plaintiffs in small claims actions the ability to provide service of process on their own. The bill also allows the Supreme Judicial Court, through its rulemaking, to determine the rules regarding service of the statement of claim and notice of disclosure.