

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 318

H.P. 227

House of Representatives, February 5, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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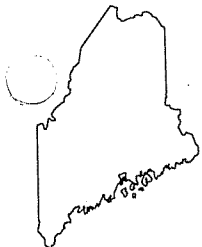
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Ensure Proper Funding for County Jails.



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

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Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1057, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 339, §3, is amended to read:

3. Reimbursement to counties. Monthly, the Treasurer of State shall make payments from this fund to each county in direct proportion to the amount of revenue obtained from all courts within each county, provided a county may not receive an amount greater than the prior year's expenditures on its jail. ~~The amount of total payments made to counties shall equal 2% of the total fines, forfeitures and penalties, including this surcharge, received by the Treasurer of State. The balance remaining in the Jail Operations Surcharge Fund at the end of each month shall accrue to the General Fund.~~

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
Courts - Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative		
All Other	\$1,063,636	\$1,418,181
Provides for an allocation of dedicated revenue collected from the jail surcharge for reimbursement to counties for costs associated with operation of the jail system.		

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill distributes to the counties the full amount of the jail surcharge collected. At present, the counties receive an amount equal to 22% of the surcharge and the balance is deposited to the General Fund.