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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "III" to H.P. 1402, L.D. 1985, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993 and to Change Certain Provisions of Law"

Amend the bill in Part N by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

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

**§193. System of law libraries**

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

Tier I libraries shall must be located in:

- Cumberland County, Portland; and
- Penobscot County, Bangor.

Tier II libraries shall must be located in:

- Androscoggin County, Auburn;
- Aroostook County, Houlton; and
- Hancock County, Ellsworth.

Tier III libraries shall must be located in:

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2 Franklin County, Farmington;  
4 Knox County, Rockland;  
6 Lincoln County, Wiscasset;  
8 Oxford County, South Paris;  
10 Sagadahoc County, Bath;  
12 Somerset County, Skowhegan;  
14 Washington County, Machias; and  
16 York County, Alfred.

18 Tier IV libraries shall must be located in:

20 Aroostook County, Caribou;  
22 Kennebec County, Augusta;  
24 Oxford County, Rumford;  
26 Piscataquis County, Dover-Foxcroft; and  
28 Waldo County, Belfast.

30 All funds appropriated by the Legislature for the use and  
32 benefit of the law libraries after ~~the effective date of this~~  
34 ~~chapter--shall~~ September 18, 1981 must be paid to the  
36 Administrative Office of the Courts and shall must be disbursed  
38 by that office under the direction of the State Court Library  
40 Committee for purchase of law books, legal literature and library  
42 equipment and necessary personnel. The committee shall allocate a  
44 specific amount of any appropriation for each tier, and each  
library within a specific tier shall must receive an equal share  
of that amount. A user fee of \$1 for each day's use is charged  
to all lawyers and paralegals using a law library. The user fee  
must be paid to the Administrative Office of the Courts for  
deposit in a dedicated revenue account and must be disbursed by  
that office under the direction of the State Court Library  
Committee for general operating expenses of the law libraries.

46 The State Court Library Committee shall establish guidelines  
48 for each tier.'

**FISCAL NOTE**

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The amount of revenue that will be generated from a user fee can not be determined at this time and may not be sufficient to reestablish the system of law libraries.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment reestablishes the system of law libraries within the State that is currently under the supervision of the State Court Library Committee. A user fee is established to help defray the operating expenses of the libraries.

Filed by Rep. Graham of Houlton.

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