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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "K" 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 by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

PART OO

Sec. OO-1. 4 MRSA §153, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 891, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

The State is divided into ~~30~~ 26 judicial divisions, named and defined as follows, and with places for holding court in those divisions as follows+.

Sec. OO-2. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §12, is repealed.

Sec. OO-3. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1971, c. 622, §4-A, is repealed.

Sec. OO-4. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Androscoggin. Androscoggin consists of all municipalities in Androscoggin County. The District Court for Androscoggin is held at Lewiston or Auburn. The Chief Judge shall determine the exact site.

Sec. OO-5. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c. 121, Pt. B, §1 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

3. **Western Aroostook.** Western Aroostook consists of the municipalities and unorganized territory known as Hamlin Plt., Cyr Plt., T17 R3, T17 R4, T16 R5, T15 R6, Winterville Plt., T15 R8, T15 R9, T14 R10, T14 R11, T14 R12, T14 R13, T14 R14, T14 R15, T14 R16, and all municipalities and unorganized territory in Aroostook County lying to the west and north of these. The District Court for Western Aroostook must be held at Madawaska, Fort-Kent-and-Van-Buren. ~~The-presiding-judge-shall-determine-the-level-of-service-at-each-location.~~

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12 **Sec. OO-6. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§8,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 184 is repealed.

14 **Sec. OO-7. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 1969, c. 501, §1, is repealed.

16 **Sec. OO-8. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

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20 9-A. Cumberland. Cumberland consists of all municipalities in the County of Cumberland except for Brunswick, Freeport and Harpswell. The District Court for Cumberland is held at Portland.

22 **Sec. OO-9. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§10-A** is enacted to read:

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26 10-A. Hancock. Hancock consists of the entire County of Hancock. The District Court for Hancock is held at Ellsworth, except that one session per week may be held at Bucksport at the discretion of the presiding judge.

30 **Sec. OO-10. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 1969, c. 458, is repealed.

32 **Sec. OO-11. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§12** is repealed.

34 **Sec. OO-12. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§19** is amended to read:

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38 19. Northern Penobscot. Northern Penobscot consists of the municipalities and unorganized territory of--Hopkins--Academy Grant,--Long--A,--Medway,--TA--R7,--TA--R8--and--TA--R9--and--all municipalities--and--unorganized--territory--in--Penobscot--County lying-to-the-north-of-these in Penobscot County not within the divisions of Southern and Western Penobscot. The District Court for Northern Penobscot shall-be is held at Millineeket Lincoln.

44 **Sec. OO-13. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§20** is repealed.

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48 **Sec. OO-14. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1965, c. 228, §2, is further amended to read:

50 **1. First District.** The first district consists of the divisions of Eastern Aroostook (Caribou) and Western Aroostook (Madawaska, Fort-Kent-and-Van-Buren).

2           **Sec. OO-15. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§5** is amended to read:

4           **5. Fifth District.** The 5th district consists of the  
6 divisions of ~~General Hancock (Ellsworth), Southern Hancock (Bar~~  
~~Harber)~~ and Waldo (Belfast).

8           **Sec. OO-16. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 1983, c.  
10 654, §3, is further amended to read:

12           **8. Eighth District.** The 8th district consists of the  
14 ~~divisions~~ division of Southern Androscoggin (Lewiston).

16           **Sec. OO-17. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§§9 and 11,** as amended by PL  
18 1965, c. 425, §3, are further amended to read:

20           **9. Ninth District.** The 9th district consists of the  
22 ~~divisions~~ division of Southern Cumberland (Portland) and ~~Northern~~  
24 Cumberland (~~Bridgton~~).

26           **11. Eleventh District.** The 11th district consists of the  
28 divisions of ~~Northern Androscoggin (Livermore Falls),~~ Northern  
30 Oxford (Rumford) and Southern Oxford (South Paris).

32           **Sec. OO-18. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§13** is amended to read:

34           **13. Thirteenth District.** The 13th district consists of the  
36 divisions of Piscataquis (Dover-Foxcroft), and Northern Penobscot  
38 (~~Millineeket~~) and ~~Central Penobscot (Lincoln)~~.

40           **Sec. OO-19. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
42 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
44 this Act.

1991-92

36           **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

38           **Courts - Supreme, Superior, District**  
40           **and Administrative**

42	Positions	(-6.5)
44	Personal Services	(\$122,344)
	All Other	(57,815)

46           Provides for the deappropriation of funds  
48 from the closing of 6 district courts.

50           **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**TOTAL** (\$180,159)

52           **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

2 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

4 All Other \$90,080

6 Provides for an appropriation of funds to  
8 offset the reduction of the foundation and  
10 minimum education subsidy for fiscal year  
12 1991-92 contained in Part A, section 1.

10 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
12 **TOTAL**

\$90,080

14 **TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF**  
16 **State Municipal Revenue Sharing**

18 All Other \$90,079

20 Provides for an appropriation of funds to  
22 offset the reductions in Part HH. These  
24 funds are to be distributed to  
26 municipalities on a monthly basis from  
28 January 1992 to June 1992 in accordance with  
the provisions of the Maine Revised  
Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5681,  
subsection 4.

30 **OFFICE OF TREASURER OF STATE**  
**TOTAL**

\$90,079

32 **TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
34 **PART OO**

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36 Further amend the bill by relettering the Parts to read  
consecutively.

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

40 This amendment has no net fiscal impact.  
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment reorganizes the districts and divisions of the District Court to close the District Courts now located in Fort Kent, Van Buren, Bar Harbor, Millinocket, Livermore Falls and Bridgton. The amendment applies the savings realized by the closings to General Purpose Aid to Education and for General Revenue Sharing.

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