

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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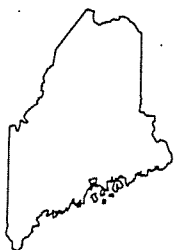
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Authorize Transfer of Venue for Multiple Cases by the Chief
Justice of the Superior Court.**



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

2 14 MRSA §508, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 688,
4 §5, is amended to read:

6 **§508. Transfer of venue**

8 A presiding Justice of the Superior Court may, in the
10 interests of justice and to secure the speedy trial of an action,
or for other good cause, transfer any civil action or proceeding
12 from the Superior Court in one county to another county. The
Chief Justice of the Superior Court may, in the interests of
14 justice and to secure the speedy trial of actions and the
efficient scheduling of trials, or for other good cause, transfer
16 any number of civil actions or proceedings from the Superior
Court in one county to another county. Transfer may also be by
18 consent of all parties to any civil action or proceeding,
provided that the prior approval of the Chief Justice of the
Superior Court is obtained.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill allows the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to
26 transfer venue of a number of cases at one time from one county
to another. This change would assist Judicial Department efforts
28 to schedule longer civil trial periods, which would permit a more
efficient manner of scheduling trials. Currently, transfers must
30 be done on a case-by-case basis, which is cumbersome and
time-consuming.