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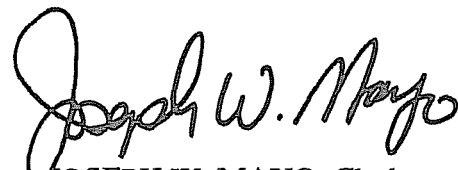
No. 657

H.P. 499

House of Representatives, February 25, 1993

An Act to Charge a Fee for Superior Court and District Court File Searches for Criminal Convictions.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COFFMAN of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CARROLL of Gray, HATCH of Skowhegan, HUSSEY of Milo, MARSHALL of Eliot, MICHAEL of Auburn, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HANDY of Androscoggin, LUTHER of Oxford, VOSE of Washington.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §9-C is enacted to read:**

6 **§9-C. Fees for court record searches**

8 The Supreme Judicial Court shall adopt rules charging a fee
10 for searches of court records by Judicial Department personnel
12 for criminal conviction information.

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This bill directs the Supreme Judicial Court to adopt rules
18 charging a fee for searches of court records for criminal
20 conviction records. Currently, Judicial Department employees
 often respond to requests for information by spending several
 hours searching records, and yet the State receives no
 compensation for the time these employees are away from their
 regular duties.