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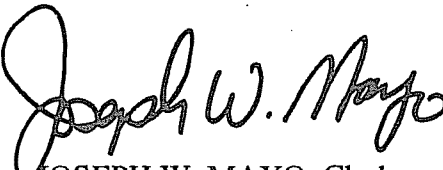
No. 958

H.P. 707

House of Representatives, March 22, 1993

An Act Preventing Trial Judges from Hearing Motions for a New Trial.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.
Cosponsored by Representative: OLIVER of Portland.

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

4 Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §2115-B is enacted to read:

6 §2115-B. Motion for new trial

8 A motion for a new trial may not be heard by the judge or
10 justice that presided at the trial or by the judge or justice
12 that imposed the sentence.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to ensure objectivity and
18 fairness in the judicial process. This bill provides that a
motion for a new trial may not be heard by the judge or justice
that presided at trial or imposed sentence.