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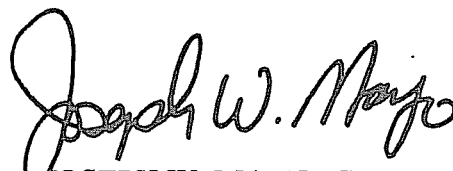
No. 1267

H.P. 938

House of Representatives, April 15, 1993

**An Act to Permit the Entry of a Not Guilty Plea on Arraignment without
the Physical Presence of the Defendant.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETTERER of Madison.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §810-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§810-A. Arraignment; personal appearance not required**

8 A defendant who is represented by counsel and who is charged
10 with a Class A, Class B or Class C crime may, with approval of
12 the court and consent of the attorney for the State, enter a plea
14 of not guilty in writing without the necessity of a personal
16 appearance at an arraignment in open court.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill allows a defendant who is being arraigned on a grand jury indictment to enter a plea of not guilty in writing instead of requiring the defendant to personally appear in court.