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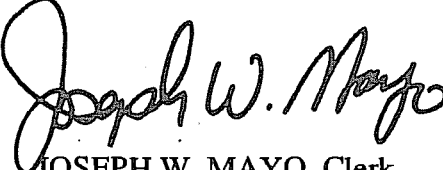
No. 1394

H.P. 1042

House of Representatives, May 3, 1993

An Act Waiving Court Mediation Fees.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Orono.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CATHCART of Orono, FARNSWORTH of Hallowell,
MORRISON of Bangor, TOWNSEND of Portland, WENTWORTH of Arundel.

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

4 Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §666 is enacted to read:

6 §666. Payment of mediation costs

8 If a party in a domestic relations action is proceeding in
10 forma pauperis or is otherwise determined by a court to be unable
12 to pay a mediation fee, the fee is waived for that party. The
14 court must schedule mediation without requiring the party who is
16 not proceeding in forma pauperis to pay the mediation fee prior
18 to the mediation date.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

If a party in a domestic relations action is found by the court to be unable to pay a mediation fee, the fee is waived for that party. If a party has been granted a mediation fee waiver, the court action may not be halted because of the failure of the other party to pay.