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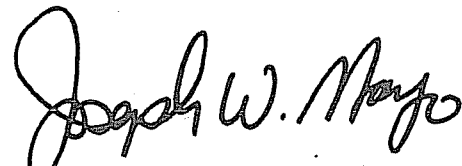
No. 1436

H.P. 1070

House of Representatives, May 5, 1993

An Act to Eliminate the Statute of Limitation in Child Molestation Cases.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator FOSTER of Hancock and
Representatives: BOWERS of Washington, CLOUTIER of South Portland, COTE of Auburn,
DAGGETT of Augusta, ERWIN of Rumford, JACQUES of Waterville, JOSEPH of Waterville,
MITCHELL of Vassalboro, PINEAU of Jay, TOWNSEND of Eastport, TOWNSEND of
Canaan, Senators: HANDY of Androscoggin, KIEFFER of Aroostook, McCORMICK of
Kennebec.

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

4 Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §752 is amended to read:

6 **§752. Six years**

8 All civil actions shall must be commenced within 6 years
10 after the cause of action accrues and not afterwards, except
12 actions on a judgment or decree of any court of record of the
14 United States, or of any state, or of a justice of the peace in
16 this State, or, if the victim had not attained 16 years of age at
18 the time of the crime, prosecutions for incest, rape or gross
20 sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct
22 and except as otherwise specially provided.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill eliminates the statute of limitations for civil
22 prosecution of the crime of rape or gross sexual assault and
incest if the victim of the crime was not at least 16 years of
age at the time the crime was committed.