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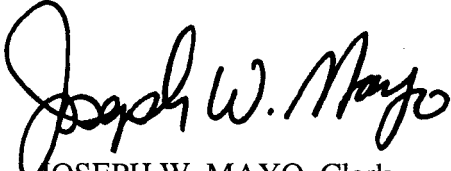
No. 612

H.P. 446

House of Representatives, February 23, 1995

**An Act to Change the Reimbursement Procedure for Law Enforcement
Personnel Testifying in Court.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, CAMERON of Rumford,
CAMPBELL of Holden, DiPIETRO of South Portland, GOOLEY of Farmington,
GUERRETTE of Pittston, JONES of Pittsfield, LIBBY of Kennebunk, MARSHALL of Eliot,
McALEVEY of Waterboro, MERES of Norridgewock, MURPHY of Berwick, STONE of
Bangor, Senator: STEVENS of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1993, c. 675,
4 Pt. B, §9, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to
read:

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4. Distribution of fees and fines. All law enforcement
8 officers appearing for a scheduled trial in District Court at
times other than their regular working hours, at the order of a
10 prosecuting official and whether or not they are called upon to
give testimony, must be compensated out of the General Fund at
12 ~~the rate of \$10 for each day or part of a day that the officer is~~
~~required to be physically present~~ on an hourly basis equal to
14 that established by the State for their range and step level.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill eliminates the current flat-fee reimbursement of
20 \$10 a day for a law enforcement officer appearing for trial in
District Court outside of the officer's regular working hours.
22 It replaces it with reimbursement on an hourly basis at the
officer's range and step level, the reimbursement method used
24 before the 1991 amendments substituted the flat fee.