

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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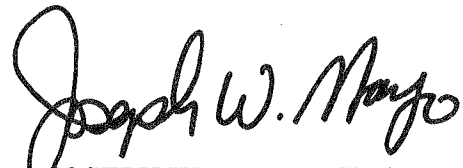
H.P. 377

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

**An Act to Clarify the Need and Time Frame for Presentence  
Investigations.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL  
of Limestone, PAUL of Sanford, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §1703-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§1703-A. Presentence investigations**

8 The court, in its discretion, may direct the Division of  
10 Probation and Parole to make a presentence investigation and  
12 report its findings to the court before a sentence is imposed or  
14 probation is granted. When a presentence investigation is  
16 ordered, it must be completed within 30 days of the request,  
18 unless the division demonstrates to the court that more time is  
20 needed.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill states that presentence investigations may be  
26 ordered in the court's discretion. It also clarifies that  
28 presentence investigations must be completed within 30 days,  
30 unless the Division of Probation and Parole demonstrates that  
32 more time is needed.