

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1023

House of Representatives, March 11, 1997

**An Act to Prohibit Dedimus Justices from Receiving Payment for Services other than Long-distance Travel Reimbursement.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§4-A. Dedimus justice; payment**

8 A dedimus justice may not ask for or receive payment for services except reimbursement for travel expenses if:

10 1. Required travel. The travel is required to perform the service; and

12 2. Total distance. The total distance for travel one way is 50 miles or greater.

14 Travel may be reimbursed at a rate no greater than that allowed by section 8 for state officials not subject to any bargaining agreements.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 **Dedimus justices, persons appointed to swear in public officials, are not prohibited from charging for their services. Currently, some dedimus justices charge a fee and others do not. This bill prohibits them from charging any fees other than reimbursement for long-distance, 50 miles or over, travel expenses.**