

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

---

Legislative Document

No. 1405

S.P. 466

In Senate, February 18, 1999

**An Act to Allow for a Citizen's Petition for a Grand Jury.**

---

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of York.

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

2

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §110**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 688, §3, is further amended to read:

4

6

**§110. Trial terms**

8

The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall establish the times and places for holding court, shall schedule the business to be conducted and shall specify when the grand jury shall be is summoned. A grand jury may be specially summoned at any time by order of a Justice of the Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall specially summon a grand jury upon receiving a petition requesting a grand jury signed by not less than 10% of the citizens of a county. As used in this section, "citizen" means a citizen of the United States and resident of the county who is at least 18 years of age.

10

12

14

16

18

20

**SUMMARY**

22

This bill permits citizens of a county to petition for a grand jury and requires the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to summon a grand jury upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 10% of a county's adult, resident citizens.

24

26