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House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

**An Act to Allow Sheriffs to Use Modern Record-keeping Technologies
in the Maintenance of Jail Records.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representative MUSE of South Portland, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1505**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt.
C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

6 **§1505. Record of persons committed**

8 Every sheriff shall keep ~~in-a-suitable-bound-book~~ a true and
10 exact calendar containing the names of all prisoners committed to
the jail under the sheriff's charge, their residences, additions,
12 time of their commitments, for what cause and by what authority,
and a particular description of the persons of those committed
14 for offenses. The sheriff shall register ~~in-that-book~~ the name
and description, the time when and the authority by which any
16 prisoner was discharged, and the time and manner of any
prisoner's escape. The information required by this section must
18 be kept in a suitable, permanent record at the office of the
sheriff.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill removes the requirement that a sheriff keep
24 certain information about prisoners committed to the jail under
the sheriff's charge in a bound book and replaces it with a
26 requirement that this information be kept in a suitable,
permanent record at the office of the sheriff.