

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)

SMC
R. 03.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

L.D. 1201

Date: 5-24-11

(Filing No. H-338)

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 892, L.D. 1201, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs"

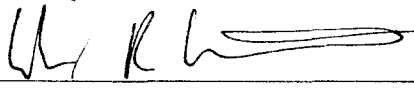
Amend the bill in section 3 in §224-A in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$20,000~~ \$40,000" and inserting the following: '\$20,000'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §224-A in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "1320." the following: 'Fees or expenses of prosecution pursuant to section 1319 or witness fees pursuant to section 1320 may not be paid from the account if the payment of those fees or expenses would reduce the balance in the account below \$5,000.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §224-A in subsection 2 in the 7th line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$20,000~~ \$40,000" and inserting the following: '\$20,000'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the bill provisions that increase the amount that may be retained in an account in each prosecutorial district for extradition and prosecutorial expenses from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and it provides that at least \$5,000 in the account must be available for extradition expenses.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Representative WILLETTE, A.)

TOWN: Mapleton

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1201

LR 970(03)

An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A"
Sponsor: Rep. Willette of Mapleton
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduction of the potential loss of unbudgeted revenue - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Eliminating the bill's doubling from \$20,000 to \$40,000 of the amount each prosecutorial district is allowed to hold in the Extradition and Prosecution Expenses Account will reduce the amount of the potential loss of unbudgeted revenue created by the bill. The expansion of expenditures allowed by the bill to include witness fees and expenses incurred by district attorneys in criminal prosecutions still means that the amount in excess of the \$20,000 limit available to be transferred to the General Fund will be less than without the bill. No estimate is made of the amount not transferred to the General Fund because of the uncertainties of which districts will have forfeited bail money to replenish their accounts and what levels of spending will occur in each.