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L.D. 679

Date: 6/15/21

(Filing No. S-315)

**JUDICIARY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 266, L.D. 679, "An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System"

Amend the bill in section 4 in §55 in the first indented paragraph in the 12th and 13th lines (page 2, lines 21 and 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "must be done electronically" and inserting the following: 'may be done electronically, if presented to a justice of the Superior Court or a judge of the District Court or a justice of the peace authorized by rule of the Supreme Judicial Court to issue warrants electronically.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §55 in the first indented paragraph in the 17th line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section, that" the following: ', if presented electronically.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

**'Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to contract for an eWarrant System.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$0	\$225,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$225,000

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for technology costs to ensure judges and justices can access the eWarrant System off-site.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$0	\$31,000
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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 266, L.D. 679 (S-315)

1	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$31,000
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3	<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
4	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
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6	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$256,000</b>
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8	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$256,000</b></u>
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10 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
11 number to read consecutively.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment provides that, once established, the electronic warrant system may be  
14 used to apply for a search warrant or an arrest warrant when the application is presented to  
15 a District Court judge or a Superior Court justice or to a justice of the peace who is  
16 authorized under rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court.

17 The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 679

LR 536(02)

## An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-315)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$256,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$256,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Courts to establish a statewide electronic warrant system. The bill includes General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 of \$256,000. Of this total, \$225,000 is to purchase a commercial eWarrant System software product that can support an estimated 1,500 users and \$31,000 is funding for the purchase of hardware needed for justices and judges to access the eWarrant system off-site.