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S.P. 207

In Senate, February 6, 2023

An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §1256-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§1256-A. Recording of grand jury proceedings**

4 Except while the grand jury is deliberating or voting:

5 A. All proceedings of the grand jury must be recorded by a court reporter or by a
6 suitable recording device; and

7 B. A court reporter or operator of electronic recording equipment may be present for
8 the purpose of making a recording as required by paragraph A.

9 An unintentional or inadvertent failure to record a grand jury's proceedings does not
10 warrant the dismissal of any indictment returned by the grand jury.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the recording of all state grand jury proceedings, in the same manner
13 and to the same extent as the proceedings of federal grand juries are required to be recorded
14 under federal law.