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In Senate, December 5, 2025

An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §161, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §1 and affected by §8, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§161. Justice of the peace; appointment; duties; salary; immunity

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §161, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §1 and affected by §8, is further amended by enacting after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A person authorized to serve as a justice of the peace is immune from any civil liability, to the same extent as employees of governmental entities under the Maine Tort Claims Act, for acts performed within the scope of the person's justice of the peace duties.

SUMMARY

This bill provides immunity for justices of the peace under the Maine Tort Claims Act for acts performed within the scope of their justice of the peace duties.