

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 81

S. P. 149

In Senate, Jan. 22, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Fernald of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for the Establishment of a Judicial Council.

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

R. S., c. 96, additional. Chapter 96 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after section 175, under the heading 'Judicial Council' the following 3 new sections:

'Sec. 176. Judicial council established. There shall be a judicial council for the continuous study of the organization, rules and methods of procedure and practice of the judicial system of the state, the work accomplished, and the results produced by that system and its various parts. Said council shall be composed of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court and 1 other justice thereof to be appointed from time to time by the governor; 2 justices of the superior court; 2 judges of the municipal courts of the state; 1 judge of a probate court in this state; 2 members of the bar and 3 laymen, all to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the executive council. The appointments by the governor shall be for such periods, not exceeding 4 years, as he shall determine.

'Sec. 177. Reports. The judicial council shall report annually on or before the 1st day of December to the governor upon the work of the various branches of the judicial system. Said council may also from time to time submit for the consideration of the justices of the various courts, such suggestions in regard to rules of practice and procedure as it may deem advisable.

Sec. 178. Expenses. No member of said council, shall receive any compensation for his services, but said counsel and the several members thereof shall be allowed from the state treasury out of any appropriation made for the purpose of such expenses for clerical and other services, travel and incidentals as the governor and council shall approve. The chief justice shall be ex-officio chairman of said council, and said council may appoint one of its members or some other suitable person to act as secretary for said council.'