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### EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 575

H. P. 1322 House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed.
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Oliver of Bath.

#### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for an Extra Juror in Criminal Cases.

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

Substitute juror provided for criminal cases. For the trial of any criminal cause the presiding justice may direct that a 13th juror be drawn to sit with the regular panel of 12 jurors during the entire conduct of the case and during deliberation, except that he shall take no part in the discussion of the case or have a vote until becoming a member of the regular panel as hereinafter provided.

Should one of the regular panel become incapacitated at any stage of the trial and be excused from further service by the court, the said 13th juror shall thereupon be considered a member of the regular panel and henceforth perform all duties as such, and a verdict rendered by the jury so composed shall have the same force and effect as though rendered by the regular panel as originally drawn. Said 13th juror shall be sworn in manner appropriate to his duties.