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House of Representatives, March 4, 1949.

Reported by Mr. Silsby from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Assigning Counsel in Cases Punishable by Imprisonment.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 11, amended. The last sentence of section 11 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'Competent defense counsel may be assigned by the superior court in any criminal cases, and shall be assigned in all cases punishable by imprisonment for life, when it appears that the accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel and the court shall order reasonable compensation to be paid to counsel out of the county treasury for such services rendered in any case punishable by imprisonment for life, and compensation may be allowed by the court in cases of other felonies, but no compensation shall be allowed counsel for services in lesser cases.'