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S. P. 56

In Senate, January 21, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lessard of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Providing that the Legislative Research Committee Study the Creation of a District Court System for Lower Courts.

Creation of a District Court System; study. Resolved: That the Legislative Research Committee be authorized to study the desirability of creating a district court system integrating the activities of the present municipal court and trial justice system; and be it further

Resolved: That the Committee be authorized to employ such expert and professional advisors and counsel and such clerical and office personnel as in its judgment it may determine within the limits of funds provided; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, and that any balance of this fund as of June 30, 1960 shall not lapse but be carried forward into the 1960-1961 year to be used for the same purpose; and be it further

Resolved: That any donation from any individual, foundation or corporation may be accepted by the Committee and used for the purposes of this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Any study to integrate the activities of the present systems into a district court system is of such magnitude that a professionally conducted survey is necessary. The trend nationally is toward district court systems and the purpose of this resolve is to determine the desirability of such a system in Maine, and if so desirable to implement such a study with legislation.