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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE**

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Each Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of \$36,637 until June 30, 1981, and an annual salary of \$38,468 until June 30, 1982, and an annual salary of \$40,392 thereafter; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall receive an annual salary of \$38,354 until June 30, 1981, and an annual salary of \$40,272 until June 30, 1982, and an annual salary of \$42,286 thereafter.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 102, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 663, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Each Justice of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of \$36,064 until June 30, 1981, and an annual salary of \$37,868 until June 30, 1982, and an annual salary of \$39,760 thereafter.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA § 157, 4th sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 544, § 7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Each judge shall receive an annual salary of \$33,202 until June 30, 1981, and an annual salary of \$34,862 until June 30, 1982, and an annual salary of \$36,605 thereafter; and the Chief Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$34,347 until June 30, 1981, and an annual salary of \$36,064 until June 30, 1982, and an annual salary of \$37,867 thereafter.

Sec. 4. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
Supreme Judicial, Superior, District and Administrative Courts		
Personal Services	\$ 74,812	\$155,562
All Other	37,187	77,375
	<hr/> \$111,999	<hr/> \$232,937

Sec. 5. **Retroactivity.** Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Act are retroactive to July 1, 1981.

Effective September 18, 1981

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**CHAPTER 487**  
**H. P. 1328 — L. D. 1527**

**AN ACT to Provide for the Election of Jury Trials in Certain Criminal Cases.**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA § 2114, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, § 109, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2114. Defendant shall make election of jury trial

In all Class D and E criminal proceedings, the defendant may waive his right to jury trial and elect to be tried in the District Court, as provided by rule of the Supreme Judicial Court. An appeal to the Superior Court following trial and conviction in the District Court shall be only on questions of law.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall be effective on January 1, 1982, provided that the Supreme Judicial Court is authorized to take necessary action to provide for the implementation of the Act upon enactment.

Effective January 1, 1982, unless otherwise indicated

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## CHAPTER 488

H. P. 1497 — L. D. 1617

### AN ACT Relating to Retirement for Justices and Judges.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 5, first ¶, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 64, § 1, is further amended to read:

Any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court who resigns his office or ceases to serve at the expiration of any term thereof, after attaining the age of 70 years and after having served as a justice on either the Supreme Judicial Court or the Superior Court, or both, for at least 7 years, or after attaining the age of 65 years and after having served as a justice on either of ~~said~~ those courts, or both, for at least 12 years, shall receive annually during the remainder of his life, whether or not he is appointed an Active Retired Justice as provided in section 6, an amount equal to 3/4 of the currently effective annual salary of a Justice or Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, as the case may be, to be paid in the same manner as the salaries of the justices of ~~said~~ that court are paid.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 5, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 64, § 1, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence a new sentence to read:

Any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court who resigns his office or ceases to serve at the expiration of any term thereof, after attaining the age of 60 years and after having served as a justice on either the Supreme Judicial Court or the