

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

December 5, 1984 to June 20, 1985
Chapters 384-End

AND AT THE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.
Augusta, Maine
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PUBLIC LAWS
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and the Legislature no later than December 1, 1985. Members of the commission shall serve without remuneration.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1986-87

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Industrial Stability Fund

All Other \$900,000

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 434

S.P. 197 - L.D. 523

**AN ACT to Increase the Number of Superior
Court Justices and District Court
Judges.**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §101, as amended by PL 1983, c. 688, §2 and c. 825, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§101. Constitution of court

The Superior Court, as established, shall consist of 15 justices until June 30, 1986, and 16 justices thereafter, and such Active Retired Justices as may be appointed and serving on the court, learned in the law and of sobriety of manners. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall assign the Justices of the Superior Court to preside at various locations of the court. Whenever it becomes necessary, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may designate a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or any Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to hold a term of Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court may, when necessary, assign an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court to hold a term of Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court may designate any Justice of the Superior Court and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court

may designate any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to hold one or more sessions of the Superior Court, separate from the session presided over by the justice holding the regular trial term.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §157, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 863, Pt. B, §§7 and 45, is amended to read:

A. The Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary and to confirmation by the Legislature, shall appoint to the District Court 7 8 judges at large and 15 judges. At least one judge shall be appointed in each district who shall be a resident of the district, except that in District 3 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents of the district and in District 9 there shall be 2 judges appointed who shall be residents of the district. Each District Court Judge shall have a term of office of 7 years.

To be eligible for appointment as a District Judge, a person shall be a member of the bar of the State. The term "District Judge" shall include the Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, the judges appointed from the districts and the judges at large.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 435

S.P. 598 - L.D. 1568

AN ACT Concerning Liability for Injuries Caused by Drunken Persons.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2002 is amended to read:

§2002. Responsibility for injuries by drunken persons

Every wife, child, parent, guardian, husband or other person, who is injured in person, property, means of support or otherwise by any intoxicated per-