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**118th Legislature (1996-1998)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1213 / HP0896

An Act to Create a Family Division within the State's District Court. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle, Senator: RAND of Cumberland. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 03/18/97. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 05/13/97. Amended by: CA H-347. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/27/97, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 269.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1213 \(118th Legis. 1997\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1213 / PL 1997, c. 269](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf118-LD-1213.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-347\) \(LD 1213 1997\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, February 25, 1997 \(H151-166\)](#)

- p. H-157

[SENATE, February 27, 1997 \(S184-193\)](#)

- p. S-185

[HOUSE, May 6, 1997 \(H641-667\)](#)

- p. H-666 (Amendment(s) H-347)

[HOUSE, May 9, 1997 \(H714-744\)](#)

- p. H-740 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 742)) (Amendment(s) H-347)

[HOUSE, May 12, 1997 \(H745-778\)](#)

- p. H-752 (Amendment(s) H-347)

[SENATE, May 12, 1997 \(S801-827\)](#)

- p. S-815 (Amendment(s) H-347)

[SENATE, May 13, 1997 \(S828-872\)](#)

- p. S-858 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 865)) (Amendment(s) H-347)

[SENATE, May 14, 1997 \(S873-892\)](#)

- p. S-877 (Amendment(s) H-347)

[HOUSE, May 20, 1997 \(H939-985\)](#)

- p. H-961 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-347)

[SENATE, May 20, 1997 \(S981-1033\)](#)

- p. S-1018 (Amendment(s) H-347)

#### **Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 1997, c. 269](#)

#### **Reports and Other Related Documents**

[Administrative Office of the Courts, Family Division. Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary of the 126th Legislature and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court on Cases Handled by the Family Division of the Maine District Court \(January 2013\)](#)

#### **Cross References**

[PL 1997, c. 24 \(LD 1137\)](#)

#### **News Articles**

Family court bill aims at Maine's divorce cases (Williams, Christopher) (Sunday Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/23/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD12xx/nc118-LD-1213/SB118580.pdf)

Legislators to debate scope of proposed family court (Maine Sunday Telegram, 3/30/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD12xx/nc118-LD-1213/SB118756.pdf)

Family court plan draws criticism (Quinn, Francis X.) (Bangor Daily News, 3/31/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD12xx/nc118-LD-1213/SB118711.pdf)

Judiciary panel struggling over family court proposal (Hale, John) (Bangor Daily News, 4/17/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD12xx/nc118-LD-1213/SB118878.pdf)

Family court division gets House approval (Bangor Daily News, 5/9/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD12xx/nc118-LD-1213/SB118965.pdf)

King signs bill establishing family court (Kennebec Journal, 5/28/1997) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 118/LD12xx/nc118-LD-1213/SB1181089.pdf)

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