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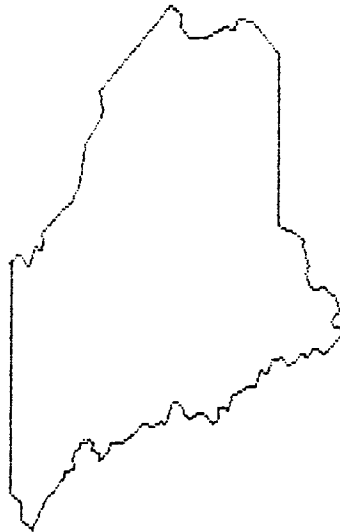


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**Judiciary**

BILL SUMMARY



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**1670** AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF Mitchell, E. PL 1983, c. 427  
PREJUDGMENT INTEREST AT PREVAILING (new draft LD  
MARKET RATES ON ALL JUDGMENTS, 1393)  
DATING FROM THE TIME OF WRITTEN  
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT OF THE  
CAUSE OF ACTION

**SUMMARY:** Requires prejudgment interest in civil actions to be paid from the date written notice of the cause of action is given to the defendant. If no notice is given, interest shall accrue from the date the complaint is filed.

1671 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS OF Andrews PL 1983, c. 437  
ACCESSIBILITY FOR HANDICAPPED (new draft LD  
PERSONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND 1474)  
PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Maine Human Rights Act concerning standards of accessibility for handicapped persons in public housing and places of public accommodation. Requires that public housing constructed, remodeled or enlarged at a cost exceeding \$100,000 after January 1, 1984, must contain at least one unit for every 20 in the building that is accessible to and useable by handicapped persons and specifies the standards that are to be applied in this situation. Extends the public buildings standards of accessibility for handicapped persons to places of public accommodations constructed on or after January 1, 1984. Standards of accessibility for remodeled or renovated places of public accommodation remain the same as in current law.

1684 AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE SEN- Connolly P&SL 1983, c. 53  
TENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION (new draft LD  
1196)

**SUMMARY:** Establishes a commission to recommend sentencing guidelines in order to reduce disparity in sentencing and to establish just, uniform sentencing practices throughout the State in terms of length of incarceration, as well as incarceration versus probation. \$10,000 was appropriated for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

1693 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT- Nelson Resolve 1983,  
ING THE MAINE STATE COMMISSION ON c. 40 (new draft  
THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES TO PRE- LD 1359)  
PARE AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO AR-  
TISTS A FORM CONTRACT FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF WORKS OF ART

**SUMMARY:** Directs the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities to prepare a form contract that may be used by artists seeking to protect their works of art from alteration by persons or institutions acquiring the art work. The form contract is available to any interested persons, but is particularly designed for use in the acquisition of art under the Percent for Art Act which directs the placement of art in state funded public buildings or facilities.