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BILL SUMMARIES
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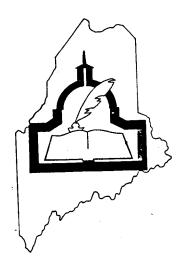
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1847 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICES AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Trafton

Replaced by new draft LD 2262

1848 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF VENUE IN CRIMINAL CASES

Trafton

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SUMMARY: This bill sought to permit the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to provide by rule that post-arraignment proceedings in criminal cases may be conducted at locations other than those provided by statute. This would have enabled criminal trials to occur in a court other than one in the county where the crime was committed. The current statute permits such a transfer only with the consent of the defendant. Under the Maine Constitution, however, a criminal trial would still have had to occur within the "vicinity", interpreted by the Supreme Judicial Court to mean within the "neighborhood" of the crime, apparently ruling out the possibility of transferring a criminal trial to a non-neighboring county.

1849 AN ACT TO UPDATE THE MASTER CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PLAN

Trafton

LV/WD

SUMMARY: Designed to require the Department of Corrections to update its 1976 Master Correctional Services Plan. Other ideas proposed in committee would have created a Commission of Legislators, interested groups and the Department to revise the Plan.

1850 AN ACT TO REPLACE REF-ERENCES TO REGIONAL PRESIDING JUSTICE WITH CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Trafton

1857 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Trafton

PL 1983, c. 631

SUMMARY: This bill provides for ex officio membership of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court on the Judicial Council.