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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

466

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICT OF THE MAINE DISTRICT COURT SYSTEM

CHALMERS
KANE
SEWALL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to eliminate the holding of District Court in Madawaska, Van Buren, and Bar Harbor.

LD:

478

AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW DISTRICT FOR DISTRICT COURT

SMALL
CAHILL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to create a new District Court district comprised of Sagadahoc County and Eastern Cumberland County.

LD:

479

AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

HAYDEN
PARADIS P
KANE
DRINKWATER

EMERGENCY

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV HELD TO NEXT SESSION

H-59 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The 111th Legislature established 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. The final report of that commission recommended that a new commission be created to continue the study in order to:

1. Develop further input from affected parties;
2. Focus more fully on appropriate sanctions for offenders;
3. Develop advisory sentences; and
4. Provide a system to monitor the operation of the guidelines.

This bill seeks to implement that final report with an appropriation of \$15,000.