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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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BILL SUMMARY



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LD: 480 AN ACT TO EXEMPT CLERGY FROM JURY DUTY

MICHAUD  
MCGOWAN  
SMITH C B

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV  
H-28 CA MIN REP

SUMMARY:

Sought to exempt clergy and, as amended, Christian Science practitioners and readers from jury duty.

LD: 481 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF POST-  
CONVICTION REVIEW

PARADIS P  
BOUTILIER

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 209

H-118 CA H S

SUMMARY:

Presently, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 2129, subsection 2, is inadequate both because it fails to recognize that the assignment of cases at the Superior Court level now rests in the newly created position of Chief Justice of the Superior Court and because it does not permit the assignment of post conviction review cases to the regular criminal calendar when a special assignment is undesirable. This amends the provision so as to leave the procedural details of case assignment to administrative order by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

LD: 498 AN ACT RELATING TO THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN  
PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CHILD AND FAMILY  
SERVICES AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT

GAUVREAU  
NELSON  
ALLEN

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

SUMMARY:

The written report of the guardian ad litem, appointed by the court to represent the interests of the child in a child protection proceeding, resulting from the guardian's investigation is not admissible into evidence without the consent of all parties. This sought to allow the court to routinely receive into evidence the guardian's report, provided it was prepared in accordance with the guardian's statutory duties.