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### An Act To Increase Efficiency of the State Court Library Committee

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Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §191**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 250, §1, is further amended to  
3 read:

4 **§191. State Court Library Committee**

5 The State Court Library Committee, as established in Title 5, section 12004-G,  
6 subsection 23, consists of 9 voting members, 3 of whom must be members of the public,  
7 2 of whom must be members of the judiciary and 4 of whom must be attorneys. Each  
8 attorney appointed to the committee must be actively engaged in the practice of law and  
9 have an established place of business in a county in which a law library established  
10 pursuant to section 193 is located. One of the 4 attorney members must be chosen from a  
11 county having a census population of from 45,000 to 120,000 and one of the 4 must be  
12 chosen from a county having a census population of less than 45,000 persons. The  
13 members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
14 Judicial Court. The Chief Justice shall designate the chair. The State Law Librarian, the  
15 University of Maine School of Law Librarian and the State Court Administrator are ex  
16 officio nonvoting members. A quorum consists of 5 of the voting members. The  
17 committee shall meet ~~at least 4 times each year~~ as needed at the call of the chair.  
18 Secretarial assistance must be provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

19 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §193, last ¶**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 250, §2, is amended to  
20 read:

21 All other law libraries must ~~receive equal resources and services regardless of~~  
22 ~~location and~~ have access to the regional court law library centers for the resources not  
23 available locally.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill eliminates the requirement that the State Court Library Committee meet at  
26 least 4 times a year and gives the State Court Library Committee flexibility in the  
27 provision of resources to law libraries.