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**STATE OF MAINE  
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130TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 648, L.D. 1831, “An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process”

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "24" and inserting the following: '12'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in paragraph D in subparagraph (4-B) in the last line (page 2, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~and~~" and inserting the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in paragraph D by striking out all of subparagraph (4-C) (page 2, lines 29 to 31 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 3, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "24" and inserting the following: '12'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

**'Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for 4 Family Law Magistrate positions, 4 Deputy Marshal positions, 4 Assistant Clerk positions, one Law Clerk position and related costs in the Judicial Department to increase the number of full-time family law magistrates from 8 to 12.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,455,768
All Other	\$0	\$50,088
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$1,505,856

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment decreases the number of additional family law magistrates to 4, for a total of 12.

The amendment deletes the expansion of magistrate jurisdiction relating to child protection matters. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**