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An Act Regarding the Duties of Bail Commissioners

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §1025-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 541, §1, is amended to read:

3 **§1025-A. County jail employees**

4 If a court or bail commissioner issues an order that a defendant in custody be released,
5 pending trial, on personal recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured appearance
6 bond, whether or not accompanied by one or more conditions under section 1026,
7 subsection 3, an employee of the county jail having custody of the defendant, if authorized
8 to do so by the sheriff, may, without fee, prepare the personal recognizance or bond and
9 take the ~~acknowledgement~~ acknowledgment of the defendant.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill amends the Maine Bail Code to allow county jail employees to prepare and
12 execute bail paperwork for defendants having bail set at personal recognizance or
13 unsecured appearance bond by a bail commissioner.