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An Act To Direct the Judicial Branch To Take Requisite Measures To Collect Fines and Penalties

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HILL of York.

Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Cape Elizabeth and

Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, HASTINGS of Oxford,

KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: FLOOD of Winthrop, FREDETTE of Newport,

ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §20**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 875, Pt. E, §3, is amended to read:

3 **§20. Provide for collection of overdue fines and fees from money collected**

4 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall plan and implement
5 arrangements for the collection of overdue fines and fees due the state courts, the costs of
6 which may be paid from money collected. These arrangements may include but are not
7 limited to: Employing special project clerks, assistants and other staff; contracting with
8 state agencies; contracting for special or private debt collection services; purchasing
9 necessary equipment; and compensating state, county and municipal law enforcement
10 agencies for services provided.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows the judicial branch to contract with state agencies or private debt
13 collection services to collect overdue fines and fees.