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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 289, L.D. 864, Bill, “An Act Regarding Service of Small Claims Notices”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7484-A, sub-§1, ¶A** is enacted to read:

A. Rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court must permit service of a statement of claim by alternate means in the same manner and under the same circumstances as permitted under the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4(g) for service of a summons and complaint.

This paragraph is repealed February 15, 2016.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

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

Initiative: Provides funds for the temporary services of active retired judges and clerks to address the anticipated increase in workload and increased publication costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Personal Services	\$11,250	\$15,000
All Other	\$14,719	\$19,625
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,969</b>	<b>\$34,625</b>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds a repeal date of February 15, 2016 to the requirement in the bill that rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court must permit service of a statement of claim in a small claims court proceeding by alternate means. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**