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Friday, June 30, 2017

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 559

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

30 June 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1043, "An Act To Promote Impartiality in the Probate Court."

This bill simply states that beginning January 1, 2021, a judges of probate may not practice law in the State while serving as a judge of probate. I understand there is an effort to overhaul our probate court system, and that effort might be occurring over the next few years. I further understand the proposed overhaul might include provisions that make probate judges appointed rather than elected.

If we are to drastically amend the probate court system, that amendment should be passed as one whole. I do not believe the overhaul should be passed in a piecemeal fashion as this bill seems to propose.

For these reasons, I return LD 1043 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-2) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Promote Impartiality in the Probate Court"
S.P. 345 L.D. 1043
