

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 79**

H. P. 47

House of Representatives, January 11, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hickey of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Land Surveyor Applications and Fees.**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1685, sub-§ 1**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 50, is further amended to read:

**1. Land surveyor.** The registration fee for land surveyors shall be established by the board in an amount not to exceed ~~\$25, 1/2 of \$60~~ which shall accompany the application.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 1689**, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 64 is further amended to read:

**§ 1689. Expiration and renewals**

Certificates of registration for land surveyors shall expire on the last day of December of **odd-numbered years** following their issuance or renewal and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. The secretary of the board shall notify every person registered under this chapter of the date of the expiration of his certificate and the amount of the fee that shall be required for its renewal for ~~one year~~ **2 years**. The notice shall be mailed at least one month in advance of the date of the expiration of said certificate. Renewal may be effected at any time during the month of December by the payment of the fee designated by the board, not to exceed ~~\$5~~ **\$20 per biennium**. The failure on the part of any registrant to

renew his certificate ~~annually~~ **at the appropriate time** in the month of December as required shall not deprive such person of the right of renewal, but the fee to be paid for the renewal of a certificate after **the appropriate time in** the month of December shall be increased 10% for each month or fraction of a month that payment of renewal is delayed. The maximum fee for delayed renewal shall not exceed twice the normal **biennial** renewal fee ~~for each year in arrears~~.

The right of renewal shall be limited to a period of 2 years from the date of expiration of a certificate. After this period, the certificate of a former registrant shall become null and void, but may be reinstated by the board after reapplication, payment of a fee of ~~\$20~~ **\$40** and after approval of the board. The board, at its discretion, may reexamine said former registrant.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the renewal and application fee structure of the Land Surveyors Law. Renewal and application fee limits established in 1967 no longer are sufficient to carry on the business of the Board of Registration for Land Surveyors. The biennial renewal feature places the surveyors law in conformance with recommendations coming out of the Maine Management Cost Survey report. The funds to operate the Board of Registration for Land Surveyors come from application and renewal fees and have no impact on State Government fund accounts.