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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 580, L.D. 915, "An Act to Modernize
Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~stored in a fireproof area~~" and inserting the following:
'stored in a fireproof area and'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the bill by retaining the requirement under current law that a
record of each page of every installment, plan or other document recorded in the registry
office must be stored in a fireproof area.

The preliminary fiscal impact statement identifies a potential unfunded state mandate
in the requirement of counties to make records of instruments recorded in the register of
deeds office in the form of digital images stored on magnetic or optical media, not on
microfilm as in current law.

The committee reviewed the preliminary fiscal impact statement in consultation with
the Secretary of State's office and determined that because registries of deeds are already
required to pay to put their records on microfilm and that because the requirement in the
bill to store a record as a digital image on magnetic or optical media instead of microfilm
as in current law would be a shift in cost rather than an additional cost, the bill does not
require an expansion or modification of activities so as to necessitate additional
expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 915

LR 565(02)

An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate Removed - Committee exception

Fiscal Detail and Notes

In the Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement (PFIS) for this bill, it was identified as a Potential State Mandate - Unfunded. The committee reviewed the PFIS and determined that because register of deeds are already required to store records on microfilm and that because the requirement in this bill to instead store records as digital images on magnetic or optical media would create a shift in cost rather than an additional expenditure, the bill was determined not to be a mandate. As the committee included this exception in the summary of the committee amendment, the Potential State Mandate - Unfunded language was removed from the fiscal note for the committee amendment.