

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 80

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House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Corliss of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Sixteen and Seventeen of Chapter  
Twelve of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Registries of  
Deeds.

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

Section 1. Section sixteen of chapter twelve of the re-  
vised statutes is hereby amended as follows, viz., by strik-  
ing out all of said section after the word "twenty" in the  
second line and inserting the words 'six by thirty-nine inches  
in dimension, of the best quality of strong linen drawing  
paper mounted upon muslin, alternated with leaves of the  
best quality of tracing cloth, substantially bound, for the  
recording of such plans presented for record as it may be

9 expedient to have traced or re-drawn on its pages, and shall  
10 provide other books of corresponding dimensions and sub-  
11 stantially bound, with stubs or leaves for the insertion and  
12 preservation of such plans presented and accepted for rec-  
13 ord, as it may not be found necessary or expedient to copy  
14 or re-draw upon the pages of the books first mentioned.  
15 The following classes of plans—and no others—shall be  
16 accepted for record by insertion or filing in the second  
17 named books, to wit:

‘First. Plans made with drawing ink upon good linen  
2 paper backed with cloth.

‘Second. Plans made with drawing ink upon good quality  
2 of tracing cloth.

‘Third. Lithographs or engravings printed with suitable  
2 ink upon good cloth backed paper.

‘Fourth. Photographs made upon good paper and if  
2 larger than eight inches by ten inches to be backed with  
3 cloth-prints to be made by either silver-platinum or carbon  
4 process.

‘Fifth. Good indelible prints upon good drawing paper,  
2 muslin backed, and showing black lines upon a white back-  
3 ground.

‘Each register shall make a suitable index to all plans  
2 recorded in his office.’

So that said section sixteen as amended shall read as fol-  
2 lows:

‘The county commissioners shall provide, at the expense

2 of the several counties, suitable books not less than twenty-  
3 six by thirty-nine inches in dimension, of the best quality  
4 of strong linen drawing paper, mounted upon muslin, alter-  
5 nated with leaves of the best quality of tracing cloth sub-  
6 stantially bound, for the recording of such plans presented  
7 for record as it may be expedient to have traced or re-  
8 drawn on its pages, and shall provide other books of cor-  
9 responding dimensions and substantially bound, with stubs  
10 or leaves for the insertion and preservation of such plans  
11 presented and accepted for record as it may not be found  
12 necessary or expedient to copy or re-draw upon the pages  
13 of the books first mentioned. The following classes of  
14 plans—and no others—shall be accepted for record by in-  
15 sertion or filing in the second named books, to wit:

‘First. Plans made with drawing ink upon good linen  
2 paper backed with cloth.

‘Second. Plans made with drawing ink upon good qual-  
2 ity of tracing cloth.

‘Third. Lithographs or engravings, printed with suitable  
2 ink upon good cloth-backed paper.

‘Fourth. Photographs made upon good paper—and if  
2 larger than eight inches by ten inches to be backed with  
3 cloth, prints to be made by either silver-platinum, or carbon  
4 process.

‘Fifth. Good indelible prints made upon good drawing  
2 paper, muslin-backed, and showing black lines upon a white  
3 background.

'Each register shall make a suitable index to all plans  
2 recorded in his office.'

Sect. 2. Section seventeen of said chapter twelve as  
2 amended by chapter 299 of the public laws of 1917 is fur-  
3 ther amended by striking out the word "incorporated" in  
4 the ninth line and inserting after the word "town" the words  
5 'city or unincorporated place'—also by inserting after the  
6 word "hours" in the eleventh line the words 'which shall  
7 be from eight o'clock in the forenoon to five o'clock in the  
8 afternoon—continuously—of each secular day except legal  
9 holidays,' and by striking out the words "and he shall suffer  
10 no deed or instrument for the conveyance of land to be  
11 altered, amended or withdrawn until it is fully recorded  
12 and examined," so that said section as amended shall read  
13 as follows:

'Sect. 17. Every register shall at the time of receiving  
2 any deed or instrument for record, certify thereon the day  
3 and the time of day when it was received and filed, and  
4 every such paper shall be considered as recorded at the  
5 time when it was received and such time shall be entered  
6 on the record thereof. Within one hour after its delivery  
7 to him, the register shall enter the time, the names of the  
8 grantor and grantee, and their places of residence, the na-  
9 ture of the instrument, the amount of consideration named  
10 therein and the name of the town, city or unincorporated  
11 place as shown by the instrument, in which the property  
12 conveyed is located, in a book kept for that purpose, and

13 open for inspection during business hours, which hours shall  
14 be from eight o'clock in the forenoon to five o'clock in the  
15 afternoon—continuously—of each secular day except legal  
16 holidays.

‘The records may be attested by the volume, and it shall  
2 be deemed sufficient attestation of such records when each  
3 volume bears the attest with the written signature of the  
4 register or other person authorized to attest such records.’