

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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subchapter, with or without a prior order from the commissioner or department.

In addition to the county in which the principal place of business of the supplier of water is located, the action may be instituted in the Superior Court of Kennebec County.

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## CHAPTER 179

H. P. 159 — L. D. 187

**AN ACT to Allow Registrars of Deeds to use Facsimile Signature Stamps in Lieu of Original Signatures.**

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

33 MRSA § 670 is enacted to read:

§ 670. Facsimile signature of the register and deputy register of deeds

A facsimile of the signature of the register or deputy register of deeds imprinted at his direction upon any deed or other instrument that is customarily recorded at the registry of deeds, including plans and the like, shall have the same validity as his signature.

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## CHAPTER 180

H. P. 394 — L. D. 502

**AN ACT Providing for Rent Receipts and Requiring Disclosure of a Landlord's Identity.**

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

14 MRSA §§ 6022 and 6023 are enacted to read:

§ 6022. Receipts for rent payments and security deposits

1. Rent receipts required. A landlord or his agent shall provide a written

receipt, as required in subsection 2, for each rental payment and each security deposit payment received partially or fully in cash from any tenant. This receipt shall be delivered to the tenant at the time the cash payment is accepted. If either the rent or security deposit is accepted in more than one installment instead of a single payment, a separate receipt shall be provided for each payment. If the payment for rent and security deposit is received at the same time, a separate receipt, properly identified in accordance with subsection 2, shall be issued each for the rental payment and for the security deposit.

2. **Minimum information.** The information contained in each receipt shall include, but is not limited to, the following: The date of the payment; the amount paid; the name of the party for whom the payment is made; the period for which the payment is being made; a statement that the payment is either for rent or for security deposit; the signature of the person receiving the payment; and the name of that person printed in a legible manner. A rent card retained by the tenant and containing the aforementioned information shall satisfy the requirements of this section.

3. **Exemption.** This section shall not apply to any tenancy for a dwelling unit which is part of a structure containing no more than 5 dwelling units, one of which is occupied by the landlord.

#### § 6023. Agency

Any person authorized to enter into a residential rental agreement on behalf of the owner or owners of the premises shall be deemed to be the owner's agent for purposes of service of process and receiving and receipting for notices and demands.

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## CHAPTER 181

H. P. 524 — L. D. 646

**AN ACT to Permit the Use of Facsimile Stamps on Municipal Sewerage Assessments and Charges.**

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

30 MRSA, § 4453, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 293 is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

A facsimile of the signatures of the municipal officers imprinted at their direction upon any certification of an assessment or charge under this chapter shall have the same validity as their signatures.

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