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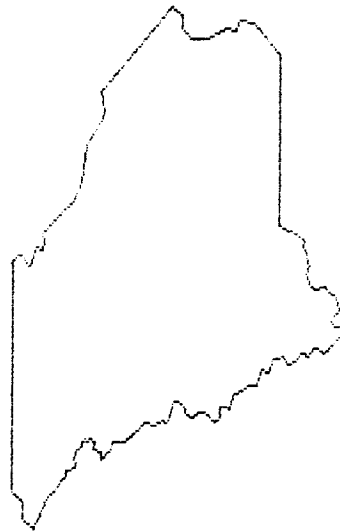


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**Local & County
Government**

BILL SUMMARY



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863

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PRINTED OR TYPE-
WRITTEN NAMES TO ACCOMPANY SIGNATURES
ON DOCUMENTS FILED IN THE REGISTRY OF
DEEDS

Armstrong

PL 1983, C.57
(NEW DRAFT
LD 136)

SUMMARY: Requires that the names of grantors, grantees, and acknowledgers on deeds or mortgages be typed or printed under their signatures if they appear on the instrument before the register of deeds may accept the instrument for recording. The name may be typed or printed on the instrument at the registry of deeds but the certification of the time of filing may not be done by the register until this occurs. The public law states that these requirements shall apply to instruments executed on or after September 1, 1983. At the time the Committee worked on this bill that date appeared to be likely to occur after the effective date of the law, that is more than 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature. Since the Legislature did not adjourn as early as first contemplated, making the effective date of this law September 23, 1983, a second Errors Bill at the end of the session changed the September 1, 1983 date in this law to October 1, 1983.

869

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REAPPORTION-
MENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIS-
TRICTS

Diamond, J.

PL 1983, C. 518
(EMER)

SUMMARY: Provides for reapportionment of county commissioner districts by the apportionment commission established in the Maine Constitution to reapportion the Legislature. The reapportionment plan devised by this Commission shall be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 1984. If a county commissioner district is not reapportioned then the commissioner's term shall not expire at the next election. The apportionment commission shall specify whether that commissioner is to be elected to a 2-year or 4-year term according to a formula established in the law. This is necessary to maintain staggered terms.

971

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EASEMENTS
FOR ACCESS TO HARVESTED LANDS AND
CEMETERIES

Redmond

INDEF PP

SUMMARY: This bill, had it been enacted, would have extended the law allowing a landowner to petition for a public easement to harvested lands and cemeteries. Current law permits this for cultivated lands. This subject is currently being studied by the Judiciary Committee.