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**DEPARTMENT
OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Augusta, Maine

July 15, 1965

**Seward R. Thompson, Esquire
Register of Deeds
County Courthouse
Portland, Maine**

Dear Seward:

In your letter of July 13, 1965, you ask whether, in view of P.L. 1965, Chapter 265, which amends 33 M.R.S.A., § 751, you may continue the practice of recording by photographic, photostatic or other mechanical methods.

The reason for your concern is that the amendment strikes out the per-page fee schedule for recording by the above methods. It is believed that it was not the intent of the Legislature to abolish such recording procedures, but rather to set up a single fee schedule for all deeds which will not fit the printed forms. This conclusion is based upon the fact that 16 M.R.S.A., § 455, which authorizes recording by the above methods, has not been amended.

It is our opinion, therefore, that Registers of Deeds may continue to record by any photographic, photostatic or other mechanical process.

Sincerely yours,



**Leon V. Walker, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General**

**LVMJr:H
cc: All Registers of Deeds**