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#### ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Document

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H. P. 569
Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brennan of Portland.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

#### AN ACT Regarding Unsealed Instruments.

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

- R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§ 26-A, additional. Section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding a new subsection 26-A, to read as follows:
- 26-A. Unsealed instruments, when given effect of sealed instruments in any written instrument. A recital that such instrument is sealed by or bears the seal of the person signing the same or is given under the hand and seal of the person signing the same, or that such instrument is intended to take effect as a sealed instrument, shall be sufficient to give such instrument the legal effect of a sealed instrument without the addition of any seal of wax, paper or other substance or any semblance of a seal by scroll, impression or otherwise; but the foregoing shall not apply in any case where the seal of a court, public office or public officer is expressly required by the Constitution or by statute to be affixed to a paper, nor shall it apply in the case of certificates of stock of corporations. The word "person" as used in this subsection shall include a corporation, association, trust or partnership.