

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 149

H. P. 132

House of Representatives, January 9, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Authorizing Facsimile Signature of State Tax Assessor.

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

36 MRSA, § 56 is enacted to read:

§ 56. Facsimile signature

A facsimile of the signature of the State Tax Assessor imprinted by or at his direction upon any license, registration certificate, notice of assessment or statutory demand notice issued by him under authority of Parts 3 through 8 shall have the same validity as his written signature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At the present time, all sales, income and various other tax deficiency assessment notices, statutory demand notices and inheritance tax certifications are signed by the State Tax Assessor. The volume of such notices has now become such that the use of the manual signature requires an inordinate amount of the State Tax Assessor's time, which could better be devoted to other uses. The purpose of this bill is to authorize the use of a facsimile signature in such instances. Facsimile signatures are now used on various licenses and permits issued by the State Tax Assessor, although the existing statutes are silent on the subject.