

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "<sup>A</sup>" to H.P. 785, L.D. 956, Bill, "AN ACT Establishing a Fee for Approved Blanks and Forms Furnished by Registers of Probate."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

## §261. Fees for approved blanks and forms

For all approved blanks, forms or schedule paper required in probate court proceedings, the register shall charge fees which shall be set by the registrar and approved by the county commissioners, so as not to incur a loss to the county for such services. Such fees shall be payable by the register to the county treasurer for the use and benefit of the county.'

## Statement of Fact

This amendment will provide additional revenue and will discourage abuse by individuals and corporations and the waste of probate court documents, which are now being furnished to them free of charge. This statutory fee will represent a very small cost to the average person and an increase of no more than \$1 in the administration expenses of an estate, but it will effect a tremendous saving for the counties.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.

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