

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 718**

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H. P. 591

House of Representatives, March 3, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hickey of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Increase Certain Fees of Registers of Deeds.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the fees charged for the recording of instruments has not been increased in the recent past; and

Whereas, the cost of county government has risen sharply in the recent past; and

Whereas, an increase in fees is necessary to defray the cost of county government; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 2, is further amended to read:

2. **Assignment or discharge.** Recording and indexing a discharge of mortgage, assignment of mortgage, partial or complete discharge of attachment, the sum of ~~\$4~~ \$5 each;

**Sec. 2.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 3, is repealed.

**Sec. 3.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 4, is repealed.

**Sec. 4.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 6, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 226, is repealed.

**Sec. 5.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 7, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**7. Organization of nonprofit corporation.** Recording certificate of organization of nonprofit corporations and certifying copies thereof for filing with the Secretary of State, the sum of \$8;

**Sec. 6.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 8, as amended by PL 1973, c. 226, is further amended to read:

**8. Liens for internal revenue taxes.** Recording and indexing notices and discharges of liens for internal revenue taxes of the United States of America under section 664, ~~§~~ \$3;

**Sec. 7.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 10, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321, is amended to read:

**10. Municipal tax liens.** Recording and indexing a municipal tax lien filed in accordance with Title 36, section 942, the sum of ~~§~~ \$3, together with an additional ~~§~~ \$3 for recording and indexing each discharge of a municipal tax lien;

**Sec. 8.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 11, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 6, is repealed.

**Sec. 9.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 12, as amended by PL 1973, c. 226, is further amended to read:

**12. District liens.** Receiving, recording and indexing any sewer or water district lien or discharge thereof, the sum of ~~§~~ \$3 each;

**Sec. 10.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 13, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321, is amended to read:

For receiving, filing and indexing the discharge or termination statement of an original financing statement filed prior to April 1, 1970, the charge prescribed in Title 11, section 9-404; of one filed on or after April 1, 1970, ~~no charge~~ the sum of \$5;

**Sec. 11.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 14, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to revise the fee schedule for the recording of instruments. The general fee shall remain \$5 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page. This bill would provide a number of special fees for the recording of certain instruments.