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S. P. 193

In Senate, February 9, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Facsimiles of County Register of Deeds and Deputy Register of Deeds.

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

33 MRSA § 670 is enacted to read:

§ 670. Facsimile signature of the register and deputy register of deeds

A facsimile of the signature of the register or deputy register of deeds imprinted at his direction upon any deed or other instrument that is customarily recorded at the registry of deeds, including plans and the like, shall have the same validity as his signature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Facsimile signature is necessary because of the tremendous volume of business that is growing daily and recorded by the office of the Cumberland County registry of deeds. Facsimiles are permissible in the office of the clerk of Superior Courts for various reasons and due to the importance of preserving the integrity of our records, this favorable action would assist us tremendously. For further information, we are now producing income of over a quarter of a million dollars yearly from fees and transfer taxes. Also, over 38,000 instruments were recorded for the year 1978 at the Cumberland County registry.