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(Governor's Bill)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1981

S. P. 785

In Senate, March 6, 1980

The Committee on Local and County Government suggested by Committee on Reference of Bills and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsors: Senators Farley of York, Cote of Androscoggin, Danton of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Require Registers of Deeds to Provide Copies from the Records within a Reasonable Time.

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA § 604, 2nd ¶, last sentence is amended to read:

They ~~may shall~~, within a reasonable time, make ~~abstracts and copies~~ photocopies or other reasonable forms of copies, if requested, from the records and furnish the same to persons calling for them and may charge a reasonable fee for such service, but shall not give an opinion upon the title to real estate.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1981.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires registers of deeds to provide copies of transfers. They will be allowed to charge a reasonable fee for this service. Under current law, registers may provide these copies, but they are not required to do so. When they do not provide these copies, the local assessors are hampered in their efforts.