

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 135

7 H.P. 127

House of Representatives, January 10, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative McHenry of Madawaska referred to the
9 Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Armstrong of Wilton.

Cosponsor: Representative Stover of West Bath.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Regarding the Recording
18 of Instruments in the Day Book of the
19 Registry of Deeds.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 33 MRSA §653 is repealed and the following
24 enacted in its place:

25 §653. Time of recording; attestation

26 Every register shall, at the time of receiving
27 any deed or instrument for record, certify thereon
28 the day and the hour and minute when it was received.
29 Every such paper shall be considered as recorded at
30 the time when it was received and that time shall be
31 entered on the record thereof. The register shall
32 enter the names of the grantor and grantee in a book
33 kept for that purpose and open to inspection in busi-

ness hours. He shall suffer no deed or instrument for the conveyance of real estate to be altered, amended or withdrawn until it is fully recorded and examined. The records may be attested by the volume, and it shall be deemed to be a sufficient attestation of those records, when each volume bears the attest with the written signature of the register or other person authorized by law to attest those records.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill eliminates some of the unnecessary detail currently required to be included in the day book of the registry of deeds. Names of grantors and grantees are the only items that need to be recorded; any person searching a title would look at the instrument in the course of conducting a proper title search.

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