

# 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. 136

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7 H.P. 128

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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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Require Printed or Typewritten  
18 Names to Accompany Signatures on Documents  
19 Filed in the 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 §651-A is enacted to read:

24 §651-A. Signatories names; form of indexing

25 No instrument may be accepted by a register of  
26 deeds for recording unless beneath the signature of  
27 the grantor, grantee and the person taking the ac-  
28 knowledgment, the name of each signer is typed or  
29 printed. Names shall be indexed as typed or printed  
30 under each signature.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires signatures on instruments filed in the registry of deeds to be accompanied by typed or printed versions of the names on the document. Registrars claim approximately 80% of the signatures are illegible forcing them to guess at the names on the documents for purposes of indexing.

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