

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. 402

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7 H.P. 343

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government, sent up for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Manning of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative Nelson of Portland and Representative
Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

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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 Relating to the Frequency of
18 Payments by Certain County Officials to
19 County Treasurers.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 33 MRSa §604, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c.
24 40, §6, is further amended to read:

25 The salaries of the registers of deeds shall be
26 in full compensation for the performance of all offi-
27 cial duties and no other fees or compensation shall
28 be allowed them. All registers, except in the western
29 district of Oxford County, shall devote their entire
30 time to the duties of the office. They shall account
31 monthly under oath to the county treasurers for all
32 fees received by them or payable to them by virtue of
33 the office, specifying the items, and shall pay the
34 whole amount of the same to the treasurers of their

1 respective counties monthly by the 15th day of the
2 following month. They may account for and pay weekly,
3 but shall at least account for and pay monthly, under
4 oath to the county treasurers all fees received by,
5 or payable to, them by virtue of their office, speci-
6 fying the items. Regardless of which payment sched-
7 ule is chosen, each register shall have paid the
8 entire montly amount for his county to his county
9 treasurer by the 15th day of the following month.
10 They may make abstracts and copies from the records
11 and furnish the same to persons calling for them and
12 may charge a reasonable fee for such service, but
13 shall not give an opinion upon the title to real
14 estate.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to grant county
17 registers of deeds the flexibility to account for and
18 pay over, to county treasurers, the fees they receive
19 on either a weekly or monthly basis. This bill main-
20 tains the changes instituted by Public Law 1981,
21 chapter 40, section 6 by requiring that all funds ac-
22 quired during the month be paid over to county treas-
23 urers by the 15th of the following month, regardless
24 of which payment schedule is followed.

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