

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 402

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7 H.P. 313

House of Representatives, February 5, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Local and County Government suggested
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Manning of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Frequency of Payments
18 by Certain County Officials to County
19 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 official
27 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
35 respective counties monthly by the 15th day of the

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

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to grant county reg-
15 isters of deeds the flexibility to account for and
16 pay, to county treasurers, the fees they receive on
17 either a daily or weekly basis. This bill makes ad-
18 ditional money available for investment to help de-
19 crease the county tax burden on local towns.

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