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House of Representatives, March 1, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro.

Cosponsored by Senator RANDALL of Washington, Representative NORTON of Winthrop and Representative TAMMARO of Baileyville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**An Act to Increase the Recording Fees for Services Rendered by the
County Offices of Registry of Deeds.**



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

3 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 279,
5 §24, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7 1. Documents. Receiving, recording and indexing any
9 document which is entitled to be recorded, the sum of \$8 for the
11 first page and \$2 for each additional page or portion thereof.
13 If more than 4 names are to be indexed, a fee of 25¢ shall be
15 paid for each additional name, counting all grantors and grantees;

17 **Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 279,
19 §25, is repealed.

21 **Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§8,** as repealed and replaced by PL
23 1987, c. 645, §3, is repealed.

25 **Sec. 4. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 557,
27 §3, is repealed.

29 **Sec. 5. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§12,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 279,
31 §30, is repealed.

33 **Sec. 6. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§13,** as repealed and replaced by PL
35 1981, c. 279, §31, is repealed.

37 **Sec. 7. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-A,** as enacted by PL 1983, c.
39 795, §6, is repealed.

41 **Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§15,** as repealed and replaced by PL
43 1971, c. 321, is amended to read:

45 15. When payable. Fees provided by this section shall be
47 paid when the instrument document is offered for record, except
49 that fees payable by the State shall be paid monthly by the
51 department or agencies requesting the recording, upon rendition
53 of bills by the register of deeds. Said The bills shall be paid
 within 10 days of their receipt ~~of same~~ by the department or
 agencies.

Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §4641-B, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859,
 Pt. M, §10, is further amended to read:

 Each register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of
 each month, pay over to the State Tax Assessor 90% 50% of the tax
 collected during the previous month. The remaining ~~10%~~ 50% shall
 be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted
 for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services
 rendered by the county in collecting the tax.

Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §4641-B, last ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c.
 737, Pt. C, §§83 and 106, is repealed and the following enacted
 in its place:

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The State Tax Assessor shall pay all net receipts to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit the revenue to the General Fund and who shall monthly pay 95% of the revenue received to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in Title 30-A, section 4853.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an increase in the recording fees for services rendered by the county offices of registers of deeds. This bill also amends the real estate transfer tax collection provision to require each register of deeds to pay 50% of the tax collected during the previous month to the State Tax Assessor and the remaining 50% will be retained by the county. The State Tax Assessor shall pay all net receipts to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit the revenue to the General Fund and monthly pay 95% of the revenue received to the Maine State Housing Authority.