

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 157

S.P. 47

In Senate, January 14, 1997

**An Act to Impose a Surcharge on Documents Recorded in a Registry of
Deeds to Fund Preservation of Registry Documents.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: LEMKE of
Westbrook, MAYO of Bath.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §752 is enacted to read:**

6 **§752. Records preservation surcharge**

8 **1. Surcharge.** In addition to any other fees required by
10 law, a register of deeds shall collect a surcharge of \$3 for all
12 records that are recorded in the registry of deeds.

14 **2. Account.** The surcharge imposed in subsection 1 must be
16 transferred to the county treasurer who shall deposit it in a
18 separate nonlapsing account within 30 days of receipt. Money in
20 the account is not available for use as a general revenue of the
22 county. Interest earned on the account must be credited to the
24 account.

26 **3. Expenditures from account.** The money in the account
28 established in subsection 2 must be used for the restoration,
re-creation and preservation of the records recorded in the
office of the register of deeds.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a surcharge for documents recorded in a registry of deeds. The surcharge is used to fund the restoration, re-creation and preservation of records in the offices of registers of deeds.