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18 ·	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B' to H.P. 991, L.D. 1328, Bill, "An
20	Act to Amend the Laws Governing Registers of Deeds"
22	Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated " §651-B. " in the first paragraph in the first line (page 2, line
24	1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: " <u>documents</u> " the following: ' <u>dated after October 1, 2003 that are</u> '
26	Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
28	" <u>§651-B.</u> " by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:
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32	'1. Paper size. All pages to be recorded must be submitted on 8-1/2-by-11-inch white paper.'
34	Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated " §651-B. " by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in
36	its place the following:
38	'4. Exemption. All documents submitted by the Department of the Secretary of State are exempt from the requirements of this
40	section.'
42	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:
44	'Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 503,
46	<pre>\$1, is amended to read:</pre>

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4. Repeal. This section is repealed January 1, 2002 2005.' 2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the 4 summary the following: б **'FISCAL NOTE** 8 The requirement that paper records maintained by registries of deeds comply with certain standards represents a state mandate 10 pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs can not be determined. Unless General Fund appropriations 12 are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and 2/3 of the members of 14 each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, the registries of deeds may not be required to 16 implement these changes. 18 Some state departments and agencies may incur additional 20 costs to comply with the new methods for recording instruments with registries. These additional costs and the amounts of any General Fund appropriations that may be required can not be 22 determined at this time.' 24 26 **SUMMARY** 28 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. It amends the original bill by deleting administrative information requirements in 30 subsection 4 of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 651-B. It also makes less specific the requirements governing 32 type of paper and style of type for any document submitted to any registry of deeds in the State after October 1, 2003. The 34 amendment also exempts the Department of the Secretary of State from the provisions of section 2 of this Act and extends the 36 repeal date to January 1, 2005 for the \$3 per document records preservation surcharge that a register of deeds may collect for 38 all documents recorded in the registry of deeds. 40 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill. 42

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