

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE  
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121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 107, L.D. 325, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Laws Pertaining to the Surcharge for Records Preservation for the Registry of Deeds"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 317, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

5. Annual report. The register of deeds for each county shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the amount of surcharge funds raised and expended and the use of those funds. The registers of deeds may jointly prepare and submit the report required under this subsection, as long as the required information is separately described for each county.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 107, L.D. 325

**SUMMARY**

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4 This amendment repeals the sunset clause for the records  
6 preservation surcharge and requires the register of deeds of each  
8 county to report annually to the joint standing committee having  
jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the  
amount of surcharge funds raised and expended and the use of  
those funds.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review



LD 325

An Act to Clarify the Laws Pertaining to the Surcharge for Records  
Preservation for the Registry of Deeds

LR 0771(03)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A.S.115*

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

**Fiscal Note**

Current Cost - State Mandate

**State Mandate**

**New or Expanded Activity**

Requiring the register of deeds for each county to report annually to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the amount of surcharge funds raised and expended, and on the use of those funds, is a state mandate pursuant to the constitution.

**Unit Affected**

County

**Costs**

Insignificant