

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 59.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT relating to the unfinished records of deeds, made
by the late register of deeds for Cumberland county.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The record of any instrument, in Cum-
berland county incomplete by reason of failure of the
late register of deeds for said county to certify on the
book where such record is entered, that such record is
a true copy of the original instrument, shall, neverthe-
less, be prima facie evidence that the same is duly
recorded, and such record shall be prima facie evi-
dence of the contents of the original instrument; and
copies of such record may be used for all purposes for
which office copies of deeds may now be legally used.

SECT. 2. The power conferred by revised statutes, 2 chapter seven, section thirteen, or any act amendatory 3 thereof, shall be exercised by any person or persons 4 holding the office at any time during five years after 5 the said vacancy may have occurred.

SECT. 3. No certificate shall be made as authorized 2 in said section thirteen, or any act amendatory thereof, 3 except upon comparison by the register making the 4 certificate of the original instrument with the record 5 thereof, and such certificate shall, in all instances, 6 state the date when it was made, the fact of compari- 7 son, and the date when the original instrument was 8 left for record ; but shall be only prima facie evidence 9 of the last fact.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 16, 1874. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. NORTH,
and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*