

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 348

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 34, section 3, of the Revised Statutes relating to notaries public.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter thirty-four of the  
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the  
3 fourth line thereof after the word "notaries," the following  
4 words: 'take depositions and do any official act which may  
5 be performed by a justice of the peace; take acknowledge-  
6 ment of deeds and other instruments, and administer oaths in  
7 all cases where a justice of the peace can act; certify country  
8 products; also by striking out after the word "law," in the  
9 tenth line, the words: "and shall record at length, in a book

10 of records," all acts, protests, depositions, and other things,  
11 by him noted or done in his official capacity"; also by adding  
12 at the end of said section the following words: 'he may do  
13 all things that justices of the peace are or may be authorized  
14 to do and shall have the same territorial jurisdiction; he shall  
15 record all mercantile and marine protests by him noted and  
16 done in his official capacity,' so that said section as amended  
17 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. He may, in behalf of any person interested, pre-  
19 sent any bill of exchange or other negotiable paper for  
20 acceptance or payment to any party liable therefor; notify  
21 indorsers or other parties thereto; record and certify all con-  
22 tracts usually recorded or certified by notaries; and in gen-  
23 eral, do all acts which may be done by notaries public accord-  
24 ing to the usages of merchants, and authorized by law; he  
25 may do all things that justices of the peace are or may be  
26 authorized to do and shall have the same territorial jurisdic-  
27 tion; he shall record all mercantile and marine protests by  
28 him noted and done in his official capacity.'

Sect. 2. This act shall apply to notaries public already  
2 appointed and shall validate any acts heretofore done by them  
3 which would be valid hereunder.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, March 3, 1905.

Reported by Mr. LITTLEFIELD from Committee on Judiciary and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*