

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 550

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating
to register of deeds.

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

Section 1. Section fifteen of chapter eleven of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section
3 after the fifth line thereof, which ends with the words
4 "column of index," and substituting in its place the follow-
5 ing: 'Or in lieu of such book shall make a suitable card
6 index. All indexes made under the provisions of this sec-
7 tion shall show in addition to the names of the parties and
8 the nature of the instrument, the date of the instrument, the
9 date of its record and the name of the town, city, or unin-
10 corporated place where the land conveyed is situated. At

11 the end of every ten years the register shall revise and con-
12 solidate such index in such manner that all deeds recorded
13 since the last revision of the index shall be indexed so that
14 the same surnames shall appear together, and all names in
15 alphabetical order. Such revised and consolidated index
16 shall contain all data as to each and every such deed or other
17 instrument as is above set forth. For this work the register
18 shall receive a reasonable compensation to be approved by
19 the county commissioners of the respective counties, and
20 drawn from the county treasury. Whenever for any cause
21 it may become necessary to revise, renew, or replace any
22 index made before the passage of this act, the new volume
23 shall be made in conformity with the provisions hereof." So
24 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 15. The records in each registry office shall be
26 made on paper of a firm texture, well sized and finished, the
27 principal ingredient of which is linen. The registers shall
28 make an alphabetical index to the records without charge to
29 the county, in the form known as ledger index, so that the
30 same surnames shall be recorded together in each column of
31 index, or in lieu of such book shall make a suitable card
32 index. All indexes made under the provisions of this sec-
33 tion shall show in addition to the names of the parties and the
34 nature of the instrument, the date of its record and the name
35 of the town, city, or unincorporated place where the land con-
36 veyed is situated. At the end of every ten years the regis-
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42 every such deed or other instrument, as is above set forth.
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45 respective counties, and drawn from the county treasury.
46 Whenever for any cause it may become necessary to revise,
47 renew or replace any index made before the passage of this
48 act, the new volume shall be made in conformity with the
49 provisions hereof.'

Sect. 2. Whenever any party shall lot or cause to be lotted
2 for the purpose of sale, any tract of land, they shall, before
3 making any deed of such land or of any part thereof, file with
4 the register of deeds for the county wherein such land is
5 situated, an accurate plan of such property, which plan shall
6 give such courses, angles and distances as will be sufficient to
7 enable a skillful surveyor to locate any lot shown by such
8 plan. If such party shall, after request by any interested
9 party or by the register of deeds, fail to comply with this
10 section he shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding fifty
11 dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt in the name of
12 the register of deeds for the benefit of the county.

Sect. 3. Whenever in the settlement of any disputed line
2 or the division of any estate, any plans are made for filing in
3 the office of the clerk of courts or the register of probate,
4 duplicate plans shall in all cases be filed in the registry of
5 deeds.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 16, 1905.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*