

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 553

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to secure the preservation of, and to make public the  
early records of towns and plantations.

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

Section 1. All persons, other than registers of deeds, hav-  
2 ing possession of or owning the records of the original pro-  
3 prietors of any town or plantation in this State may deliver  
4 the same to the Maine Historical Society for preservation  
5 and safe keeping. Said society shall cause a true copy there-  
6 of to be made and certified by the secretary of said society  
7 and said copy shall thereupon be filed in the registry of deeds  
8 in the county in which said town or plantation is situated,  
9 and be kept there as a public record. Any transcript from  
10 said copy from said records, certified by the register of deeds,

11 may be used in evidence in all cases in which the same is  
12 material and with the same effect as though the original  
13 records were produced.

Sect. 2. Whoever, having possession of, or owning any  
2 such original records, may deliver the same to said Maine  
3 Historical Society as provided in this act and shall be paid  
4 from the State treasury such sum of money as shall reason-  
5 ably reimburse him for all expenses incurred by reason of  
6 his obtaining possession or becoming the owner thereof,  
7 which said sum, when certified by said Maine Historical  
8 Society to the Governor and Council and approved by them  
9 shall be paid by the State treasurer; and the cost of making  
10 and filing said copy in the registry of deeds shall be paid to  
11 said Maine Historical Society by the State treasurer when-  
12 ever said cost shall have been certified to and approved by  
13 the Governor and Council, provided, however, that the sums  
14 to be expended in any year under the provisions of this act  
15 shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred  
16 dollars.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 14, 1907.

Reported by Mr. STEARNS from Committee on Legal Affairs, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*