

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 247

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the better preservation of plans of cities, towns
and plantations.

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

The county commissioners for the various counties are
2 hereby empowered and instructed to employ some competent
3 person to make copies of the plans of the various cities,
4 towns and plantations in their respective counties which
5 show the original lotting and numbering of said cities, towns
6 and plantations, so far as the same may be available. Such
7 person so employed shall receive a fair compensation to be
8 fixed by the county commissioners and paid from the county
9 treasury.

In case the original plans are not in existence copies shall
11 be made from the most authentic copy that can be had.

All copies shall be certified by the person making such copy
13 as true copies of the originals (or of such plan other than the
14 original as may have been used for the purpose) and shall
15 also bear a copy of any endorsement that may appear on the
16 plan copied.

Said commissioners are also authorized to, at their dis-
18 cretion, procure such plans, either originals or copies, other
19 than those above mentioned as may in their judgment be
20 necessary or advisable to have on file in the registry of deeds.
21 Nothing in this clause shall relieve any person from any
22 duty or responsibility imposed by Chapter 139 of the laws
23 of 1905.

In cases where the original plan of any township is on file
25 in the registry of deeds the commissioners shall provide a
26 copy for public use and have the original carefully pre-
27 served, and said commissioners are hereby authorized to take
28 such measures as may be necessary for the preservation or
29 restoration of such plans as may from wear or the lapse of
30 time be in a dilapidated or mutilated condition.

All copies above mentioned shall be on the best quality of
32 linen drawing paper mounted on cloth and as far as prac-
33 ticable shall be on sheets of uniform size, or if it seems expe-
34 dient on the best quality of tracing cloth, in which case the
35 tracings shall be carefully preserved and prints from them
36 supplied for the use of the public. They shall be suitably

37 indexed and kept on file in the registry of deeds and may
38 at the discretion of the court be admitted as evidence.

The county commissioners of the several counties shall if
40 necessary at the expense of their several counties provide
41 suitable filing cases of metal for the safe keeping of all plans
42 on file in the several registries, whether such plans are in
43 book form or otherwise.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 13, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MILLS from Committee on Legal Affairs, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*