

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 276

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of the
Public Laws of 1905, relating to Register of Deeds.

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

Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of
2 the public laws of 1905 is hereby amended by adding the
3 words, 'date of the instrument,' in the tenth line of said sec-
4 tion after the word "instrument" and by striking out in the
5 twelfth line the words, "at the end of every ten years" and
6 by inserting in their place the words, 'as often as every ten
7 years,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 15. The records in each registry office shall be made
9 on a paper of firm texture, well sized and finished, the

10 principal ingredient of which is linen. The registers shall
11 make an alphabetical index to the records without charge
12 to the county, in the form known as ledger index, so that
13 the same surname shall be recorded together in each col-
14 umn of index, or in lieu of such book shall make a suitable
15 card index. All indexes made under the provisions of this
16 section shall show in addition to the names of the parties and
17 the nature of the instrument, the date of the instrument, the
18 date of its record and the name of the town, city or incor-
19 porated place where the land conveyed is situated. As often
20 as every ten years the register shall revise and consolidate
21 such index in such manner that all deeds recorded since
22 the last revision of the index shall be indexed so that the
23 same surnames shall appear together, and all names in
24 alphabetical order. Such revised and consolidated index
25 shall contain all data as to each and every such deed or other
26 instrument, as is above set forth. For this work the register
27 shall receive a reasonable compensation to be approved by
28 the county commissioners of the respective counties, and
29 drawn from the county treasury. Whenever for any cause
30 it may become necessary to revise, renew or replace any
31 index made before the passage of this act, the new volume
32 shall be made in conformity with the provisions hereof.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 15, 1907.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*