

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 227

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the Acknowledgement of Deeds.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section twenty of chapter seventy-five of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 words "notary public" in the third line thereof the words
4 'having an official seal'; by striking out the word "or" at
5 the end of the fifth line thereof, and by inserting in place
6 thereof a comma; by inserting after the words "notary pub-
7 lic" in the sixth line thereof a comma and the words 'justice
8 of the peace or commissioner appointed by the governor
9 of Maine for the purpose'; by inserting after the word
10 "notary" in the eighth line thereof the words 'if he have
11 one'; by adding to said section the words 'But if such

12 acknowledgement is taken outside the State of Maine before
13 a justice of the peace, or a notary public not having a seal,
14 a certificate under seal from the secretary of state, or clerk
15 of a court of record in the county where the officer resides
16 or took the acknowledgement, authenticating the authority
17 of the officer taking such acknowledgement, and the genu-
18 ineness of his signature must be annexed thereto,' so that
19 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 20. Deeds shall be acknowledged by the grantors,
21 or one of them, or by their attorney executing the same,
22 before a justice of the peace, or notary public having a seal,
23 or women otherwise eligible under the constitution and
24 appointed for the purpose by the governor with the advice
25 and consent of the council in the State; or any clerk of a
26 court of record having a seal, notary public, justice of the
27 peace, or commissioner appointed by the governor of Maine
28 for the purpose, within the United States; or before a min-
29 ister or consul of the United States or notary public in any
30 foreign country. The seal of such court or the official seal
31 of such notary if he have one, shall be affixed to the cer-
32 tificate of acknowledgement, but if such acknowledgement
33 is taken outside the State of Maine before a justice of the
34 peace, or notary public not having a seal, a certificate under
35 seal from the secretary of state, or clerk of a court of record
36 in the county where the officer resides or took the acknowl-
37 edgement, authenticating the authority of the officer taking
38 such acknowledgement, and the genuineness of his signature,
39 must be annexed thereto.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 19, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BAXTER from Committee on Judiciary
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.