

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 349

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 24, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Thombs of Lincoln.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to make uniform the law of acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken outside the United States.

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

Section 1. All deeds or other instruments requiring ac-  
2 knowledgment, if acknowledged without the United States,  
3 shall be acknowledged before an ambassador, minister, en-  
4 voy or charge d'affaires of the United States, in the country  
5 to which he is accredited, or before one of the following  
6 officers commissioned or accredited to act at the place where  
7 the acknowledgment is taken, and having an official seal,  
8 viz.: any consular officer of the United States; a notary

9 public; or a commissioner or other agent of this state hav-  
10 ing power to take acknowledgments to deeds.

Sect. 2. Every certificate of acknowledgment, made with-  
2 out the United States, shall contain the name or names of  
3 the person or persons making the acknowledgment, the date  
4 when and place where made, a statement of the fact that  
5 the person or persons making the acknowledgment knew the  
6 contents of the instrument, and acknowledged the same to  
7 be his, her or their act; the certificate shall also contain  
8 the name of the person before whom made, his official title,  
9 and be sealed with his official seal and may be substantially  
10 in the following form:

11 .....(name of country).

12 .....(name of city, province or other  
political subdivision).

Before the undersigned.....  
15 (naming the officer and designating his official title) duly  
16 commissioned (or appointed) and qualified, this day per-  
17 sonally appeared at the place above named.....  
18 (naming the person or persons acknowledging) who declared  
19 that he (she or they) knew the contents of the foregoing  
20 instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his (her or  
21 their) act. Witness my hand and official seal this.....  
22 day of....., 19....

23 .....(name of officer).

24 [SEAL] .....(official title).

When the seal affixed shall contain the name or the official  
26 style of the officer, any error in stating, or failure to state  
27 otherwise the name or the official style of the officer, shall  
28 not render the certificate defective.

Sect. 3. A certificate of acknowledgment of a deed or  
2 other instrument acknowledged without the United States  
3 before any officer mentioned in section 1 shall also be valid  
4 if in the same form as now is or hereafter may be required  
5 by law, for an acknowledgment within this state.

Sect. 4. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the above  
2 three sections are hereby repealed.