

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 56

In Senate, Feb. 6, 1919.

Reported by Senator Thombs from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Parent of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Fifteen of Chapter Twelve of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Indexes in the Registries of Deeds.

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

Revised Statutes, chapter twelve, section fifteen, relating
2 to indexes in the registries of deeds, amended. That sec-
3 tion fifteen of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is here-
4 by amended by striking out the words "or in lieu of such
5 book shall make a suitable card index," in the fifth and
6 sixth lines, and by substituting therefor the following: 'and
7 the use of any form of card index is prohibited,' so that
8 the section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 15. Records. Index, Card index prohibited. The
2 records in each registry office shall be made on a paper of
3 firm texture, well sized and finished, the principal ingredi-
4 ent of which is linen. The registers shall make an alpha-
5 betical index to the records without charge to the county,
6 in the form known as ledger index, so that the same sur-
7 names shall be recorded together in each column of index,
8 and the use of any form of card index is prohibited. All
9 indexes made under the provisions of this section shall show
10 in addition to the names of the parties and the nature of
11 the instrument, the date of the instrument, the date of its
12 record and the name of the town, city or unincorporated
13 place where the land conveyed is situated. As often as
14 every ten years the register shall revise and consolidate
15 such index in such manner that all deeds recorded since
16 the last revision of the index shall be so indexed that the
17 same surnames shall appear together, and all names in
18 alphabetical order. Such revised and consolidated index
19 shall contain all data as to each and every such deed or
20 other instrument, as is above set forth. For this work the
21 register shall receive a reasonable compensation to be ap-
22 proved by the county commissioners of the respective coun-
23 ties, and drawn from the county treasury. Whenever for
24 any cause it may become necessary to revise, renew or
25 replace any index, the new volume shall be made in con-
26 formity with the provisions hereof.’