

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 11

In Senate, January 19, 1921.

Presented under suspension of rules by Mr. Gillin, referred to Committee on Judiciary and 300 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gillin of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend Section Twenty-three of Chapter Seventy-eight, Revised Statutes, Relating to Acknowledgment of Deeds.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter fourteen of the public laws of 1919, and as further amended at the special session November 4-8, 1919, chapter two hundred forty, supplementary to the public laws of the regular session, is hereby further amended, so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 23. Deeds shall be acknowledged by the grantors,

2 or one of them, or by their attorney executing the same,
3 before a justice of the peace, or notary public having a
4 seal, or women otherwise eligible under the constitution
5 and appointed for the purpose by the governor with the
6 advice and consent of the council, in the state; or any
7 clerk of court of record having a seal, notary public, jus-
8 tice of the peace, or commissioner appointed by the gov-
9 ernor of this state for the purpose, within the United States;
10 or before a minister or consul of the United States or notary
11 public in any foreign country. The seal of such court or
12 the official seal of such notary if he have one, shall be af-
13 fixed to the certificate of acknowledgment, but if such
14 acknowledgment is taken outside the State of Maine be-
15 fore a justice of the peace, or notary public not having a
16 seal, a certificate under seal from the secretary of state,
17 or clerk of a court of record in the county where the officer
18 resides or took the acknowledgment, authenticating the au-
19 thority of the officer taking such acknowledgment, and the
20 genuineness of his signature, must be annexed thereto.

Any authentication heretofore made or that shall here-
2 after be made of the genuineness of any signature, is and
3 shall be deemed legal and sufficient to all intents and pur-
4 poses, if it contains a statement by the secretary of state,
5 or clerk of such a court of record, that the signature is
6 genuine in his belief, or in his opinion, or in his judgment,
7 or by the use of any words of substantially similar import.

All acknowledgments of deeds, either within or without
2 the state, taken in accordance with the provisions of this

3 section, since said chapter fourteen of the public laws of
4 nineteen hundred nineteen took effect, are hereby confirmed
5 and made valid.'