

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 50

In Senate, February 11, 1921.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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 of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Acknowledgment of Deeds.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight
2 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter fourteen of
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, and as fur-
4 ther amended or affected by chapter two hundred forty
5 of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen passed
6 at the special session held November fourth to November
7 eighth, nineteen hundred nineteen, supplementary to the
8 public laws of the regular session, is hereby further amended
9 and re-enacted 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 clerk 7 of court of record having a seal, notary public, justice of 8 the peace, or commissioner appointed by the governor of 9 this state for the purpose, within the United States; or 10 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 13 affixed 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 offi- 18 cer resides or took the acknowledgment, authenticating the 19 authority of the officer taking such acknowledgment, and 20 the genuineness of his signature, must be annexed thereto.’

Sect. 2. All acknowledgment of deeds, either within or 2 without the state, taken in accordance with the provisions 3 of this section, since said chapter fourteen of the public 4 laws of nineteen hundred nineteen took effect, are hereby 5 confirmed and made valid.