

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 7

In Senate, Jan. 24, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Buzzell of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. Section fifteen of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "linen" at the end of the second line thereof, the words: "Which shall be substantially bound in the manner known as the sewed or stitched binding, and no other form or style of binding shall be used," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 15. The records in each registry office shall be made

2 on a paper of firm texture, well sized and finished, the prin-
3 cipal ingredient of which is linen, which shall be substantially
4 bound in the manner known as the sewed or stitched binding
5 and no other form or style or binding shall be used. The
6 registers shall make an alphabetical index to the records
7 without charge to the county, in the form known as ledger
8 index, so that the same surnames shall be recorded together
9 in each column of index, or in lieu of such book shall make
10 a suitable card index. All indexes made under the provi-
11 sions of this section shall show in addition to the names of
12 the and the nature of the instrument, the date of the instru-
13 ment, the date of its record and the name of the town, city
14 or unincorporated place where the land conveyed is situated.
15 As often as every ten years the register shall revise and
16 consolidate such index in such manner that all deeds re-
17 corded since the last revision of the index shall be so indexed
18 that the same surnames shall appear together and all names
19 in alphabetical order. Such revised and consolidated index
20 shall contain all data as to each and every such deed or other
21 instrument, as is above set forth. For this work the register
22 shall receive a reasonable compensation to be approved by
23 the county commissioners of the respective counties, and
24 drawn from the county treasury. Whenever for any cause
25 it may become necessary to revise, renew or replace any
26 index, the new volume shall be made in conformity with
27 the provisions hereof.