

## EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

## S. P. No. 398

## S. D. No. 148

In Senate, Mar. 5, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cram of Cumberland.

# STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Twenty-three of Chapter Seventyeight of the Revised Statutes, as Re-enacted by Chapter Forty of the Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to Recording of Instruments of Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight of the re-2 vised statutes, as re-enacted by chapter forty of the laws of 3 nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by 4 striking out the whole thereof, and inserting instead thereof 5 the following to be known as section twenty-three:

'Sect. 23. DEEDS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS, 2 BEFORE WHOM TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED. Deeds 5 and all other written instruments before recording in the

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4 registries of deeds, except those issued by a court of com-5 petent jurisdiction and duly attested by the proper officer o thereof, shall be acknowledged by the grantors, or one of 7 them, or by their attorney executing the same, before a jus-8 tice of the peace, or notary public having a seal, or women 9 otherwise eligible under the constitution and appointed for 10 the purpose by the governor with the advice and consent 11 of the council, in the state; or before any clerk of a court 12 of record having a seal, notary public, justice of the peace, 13 or commissioner appointed by the governor of this state for 14 the purpose, or a commissioner authorized in the state where 15 the acknowledgment is taken, within the United States; or 16 before a minister or consul of the United States or notary 17 public in any foreign country. The seal of such court or 18 the official seal of such notary or commissioner, if he have 19 one, shall be affixed to the certificate of acknowledgment, 20 but if such acknowledgment is taken outside the state of 21 Maine before a justice of the peace, notary public not hav-22 ing a seal, or commissioner, a certificate under seal from 23 the secretary of state, or clerk of a court of record in the 24 county where the officer resides or took the acknowledg-25 ment, authenticating the authority of the officer taking such 26 acknowledgment, and the genuineness of his signature, must 27 be annexed thereto.'

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