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S. P. 76 House of Representatives, January 20, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Referred to 91st Legislature by 90th Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Recording and Copying of Public Documents.

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

P. L., 1941, c. 16, amended. Chapter 16 of the public laws of 1941 is hereby amended by striking out all of section 2 thereof and substituting in place thereof the following sections to be numbered and to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. The county commissioners' duties. The county commissioners in any county in the state, are hereby authorized to cause to be made at the expense of their respective counties, under the supervision of the register of deeds for the county concerned, by any photostatic, photographic, microfilm or other mechanical process, which produces a clear, accurate and permanent copy thereof, a copy of any one, any portion, or all, of the deeds, plans, documents or writings relating to real estate and the titles thereto, recorded now or hereafter in the office of the register of deeds in their respective counties. Such copies, when so made, shall constitute a duplicate record, and shall be filed in fire-resisting safe cabinets located separate and apart from the original records, but within the same county.'

'Sec. 3. The state controller's authority. The state controller is hereby authorized to cause to be made, at the expense of the state, by any

photostatic, photographic, microfilm or other mechanical process which produces a clear, accurate and permanent copy or reproduction thereof, copies of all or any part or all of the state of Maine cancelled checks and vouchers.'

'Sec. 4. Copies admissible in evidence. Copies and records produced as herein provided for shall have the same effect as the originals from which they are copies, and copies thereof and therefrom shall be admissible in evidence in like manner, under like conditions, and with like effect as if they were copies from the originals in any court or at any hearing provided for by law in the state.'