

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Call of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Recording of Municipal Road Records.

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

**R. S., c. 89, § 235-A, additional.** Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 235-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 235-A. Municipal road records to be recorded in registry of deeds. Within 5 years from the effective date hereof, the clerk of every town and city shall record in the registry of deeds for the county or registry district where such town or city is located, a certificate listing all streets and ways accepted, altered or discontinued by such town or city since the date of its incorporation, with a full description of same. Such a certificate covering the past 20 years shall be recorded within one year from the effective date hereof, certificates covering the past 40 years shall be recorded within 2 years from the effective date hereof, certificates covering the past 60 years shall be recorded within 3 years from the effective date hereof, certificates covering the past 80 years shall be recorded within 4 years from the effective date hereof, and all within said 5 year period.

In lieu thereof, if the road records of such town or city have been kept in a road book, where the records in regard to all streets and ways may be found, the clerk may deliver the road books into the custody of the register of deeds, who shall give his receipt for same, and shall take all necessary measures to preserve said books and the records therein. The register shall make an index of the road records in his custody by towns. The recording and preservation of road records under this section shall be done at the expense of the county.

Road books in the custody of any historical society or individual shall be placed in the custody of the appropriate register of deeds. The county commissioners are directed to take any necessary measures to procure such books.'