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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 4, 1984 TO APRIL 25, 1984

CHAPTER 635

H.P. 1395 - L.D. 1818

AN ACT to Clarify That Notaries Public
who do not Maintain a Seal of Office
may Take Acknowledgments.

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

33 MRSA §203, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §114, is further amended to read:

Deeds and all other written instruments before recording in the registries of deeds, except those issued by a court of competent jurisdiction and duly attested by the proper officer thereof, and excepting plans and notices of foreclosure of mortgages and certain financing statements as provided in Title 11, section 9-401, and excepting notices of liens for internal revenue taxes and certificates discharging such liens as provided in section 664, shall be acknowledged by the grantors, or by the persons executing any such written instruments, or by one of them, or by their attorney executing the same, or by the lessor in a lease or one of the lessors or his attorney executing the same, before a notary public having a seal, in the State, or before an attorney-at-law duly admitted and eligible to practice in the courts of the State, if within the State; or before any clerk of a court of record having a seal, notary public or commissioner appointed by the Governor of this State for the purpose, or a commissioner authorized in the State where the acknowledgment is taken, within the United States; or before a minister, vice-consul or consul of the United States or notary public in any foreign country. The seal of such court or the official seal of such notary public or commissioner, if he has one, shall be affixed to the certificate of acknowledgment, but if such acknowledgment is taken outside the State before a justice of the peace, notary public not having a seal or commissioner, a certificate under seal from the Secretary of State, or clerk of a court of record in the county where the officer resides or took the acknowledgment, authenticating the authority of the officer taking such acknowledgment and the genuineness of his signature, must be annexed thereto.

Effective July 25, 1984.
