

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2013**

Initiative: Allocates the projected revenue from the transfers from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund of the Efficiency Maine Trust to be distributed to utility ratepayers at the direction of the Public Utilities Commission to provide the maximum benefit to the Maine economy.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, except as otherwise provided, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 26, 2013, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 370  
H.P. 378 - L.D. 559**

**An Act To Change Document Filing and Copying Fees for County Registries of Deeds**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Instruments generally.** Receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in this section or in any other section, the sum of ~~\$13~~ **\$19** for the first record page and \$2 for each additional record page or portion of an additional record page. In addition, if more than 4 names are to be indexed, a fee of \$1 must be paid for each additional name, counting all grantors and grantees;

**Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §2, is further amended to read:

**9. Plans.** Recording, indexing and preserving plans, the sum of ~~\$15~~ **\$21**;

**Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 508, §1, is further amended to read:

**14-B. Paper copies.** Making ~~abstracts and paper~~ copies of records at the office of the register of deeds as follows:

A. Five dollars per page for paper ~~abstracts and~~ copies of plans; and

B. One dollar per page for other paper ~~abstracts and~~ copies; and

C. ~~Fifty cents per page for digital abstracts and copies, except that the fee is 5¢ per page for copies of 1,000 or more digital abstracts and copies of consecutive records; and~~

**Sec. 4. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-D** is enacted to read:

**14-D. Downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images or electronic abstracts from a county registry of deeds.** Acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images or electronic abstracts from a county registry of deeds equipped to provide downloads of images or electronic abstracts, 5¢ per image or electronic abstract;

**Sec. 5. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-E** is enacted to read:

**14-E. Electronic images, printed images or electronic abstracts from a county registry of deeds website.** Acquiring electronic images, printed images or electronic abstracts from a county registry of deeds website as follows:

A. No charge for the first 500 images or electronic abstracts, or a combination of the first 500 images and electronic abstracts, acquired by a person in a calendar year; and

B. Fifty cents per image or electronic abstract for each subsequent image or electronic abstract after 500 acquired in the same calendar year; and

**Sec. 6. 33 MRSA §753** is enacted to read:

**§753. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Electronic abstract.** "Electronic abstract" means the digital indexing information for a document.

**2. Image.** "Image" means a digital capture of an individual page of a document or plan filed in a county registry of deeds.

**3. Person.** "Person" means a person, corporation, partnership or other entity.

See title page for effective date.