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4. It establishes a flat fee for receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in current law. These fees are $25 per instrument recorded at the request of the State or a municipality and $35 per instrument recorded at the request of all other persons.

5. It changes from 5¢ to 25¢ per image the cost for acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images from a county registry of deeds that is equipped to and voluntarily agrees to provide downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images pursuant to a written agreement with the person requesting the downloads.

6. It changes the number of electronic images or printed images a person can acquire in a calendar year for no charge from the first 500 electronic images or printed images to the first 400 electronic images. The law provides that the charge of 50¢ per subsequent electronic image after 400 images acquired in the same calendar year does not apply to municipalities and it introduces a $1.00 charge per printed image, not including any applicable postage rates set by the county.

LD 434 An Act to Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue Additional Securities for the Replacement of the Legislative Management System for the Senate and the House of Representatives

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 454 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed $8,000,000 outstanding at any one time for paying the costs associated with planning, purchasing, customizing and implementing an integrated electronic legislative management system to replace the existing system for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

LD 556 An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 456 prohibits municipalities from prohibiting an individual or entity from using a heating or energy system for that individual's or entity's own heating or energy needs, including the heating or energy needs of a motor vehicle, or engaging the services of a person or energy distributor of that individual's or entity's choice unless the prohibition is otherwise authorized by statute.