

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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S.P. 144 - L.D. 358

An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §604, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 710, §1, is amended to read:

Registers shall ~~photocopy each warranty or quitclaim deed~~ send an electronic or paper copy of transfers received and send the copy to the assessors of the appropriate municipality in the format requested by the assessors within 30 days of recordation. ~~They~~ Registers may charge a reasonable fee for ~~such service~~ a paper copy provided pursuant to this paragraph.

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §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 \$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; a flat fee charged as follows:~~

A. Twenty-five dollars per instrument recorded at the request of the State or a municipality; and

B. Thirty-five dollars per instrument recorded at the request of all other persons.

Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §2, is further amended to read:

9. Plans. Recording, indexing and preserving plans, the sum of ~~\$24~~ \$45;

Sec. 4. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§13-A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-B, ¶A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §3, is further amended to read:

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

Sec. 6. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §4, is amended 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 that is equipped to and voluntarily agrees to provide downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ pursuant to a written agreement with the person requesting the downloads, ~~5¢ 25¢~~ per image ~~or electronic abstract~~;

Sec. 7. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-E, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §5, is amended to read:

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

A. No charge for the first ~~500~~ 400 electronic 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 electronic image ~~or electronic abstract~~ for each subsequent image ~~or electronic abstract~~ after ~~500~~ 400 electronic images acquired under paragraph A in the same calendar year, except that a municipality may not be charged a fee under this paragraph for acquisition of any number of electronic images from a county registry of deeds website; and

C. One dollar per printed image acquired, not including any applicable postage rates set by the county; and

Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 116, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Surcharge. In addition to any other fees required by law, a register of deeds may collect a surcharge of ~~\$3~~ \$5 per document for all records that are recorded in the registry of deeds, except those recorded by agencies of State Government, including quasi-independent state entities as defined in Title 5, section 12021, subsection 5, and municipalities.

Sec. 9. 33 MRSA §753, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 10. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.