

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 357 - L.D. 1096

**An Act To Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Supreme Judicial Court
Concerning Electronic Records and Filing**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §8-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 78, §1, is amended to read:

1. Rules and orders; processes and procedures. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Supreme Judicial Court may adopt rules and issue orders to permit or require the use of electronic forms, filings, records, e-mail and electronic signatures whenever paper forms, filings, records, written notice, postal mail and written signatures are required for judicial, legal or any other court-related process under the Maine Revised Statutes.

The Supreme Judicial Court, by rule, may determine any other processes or procedures appropriate to ensure adequate preservation, disposition, integrity, security, appropriate accessibility and confidentiality of the electronic records. After the effective date of the rules as adopted or amended, all laws in conflict with the rules are of no further effect.