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Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 13 to 19 in amendment) and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 575, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§§14-B and 14-C are enacted to read:

14-B. Abstracts and copies. Making abstracts and 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;

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.

This subsection is repealed July 31, 2012;

14-C. Abstracts and copies. Beginning August 1, 2012, making abstracts and copies from the records, a reasonable fee as determined by the county commissioners for each category of abstracts and copies, such as paper copies, attested copies, copies obtained online and bulk transfers of copies. In setting a reasonable fee for each category of abstracts and copies, the commissioners shall consider factors relating to the cost of producing and making copies available, which may include, but are not limited to: the cost of depleted supplies; records storage media costs; actual mailing and alternative delivery costs or other transmitting costs; amortized infrastructure costs; any direct equipment operating and maintenance costs; costs associated with media processing time; personnel costs, including actual costs paid to private contractors for copying services; contract and contractor costs for database maintenance and for online provision and bulk transfer of copies in a manner that protects the security and integrity of registry documents; and a reasonable rate for the time a computer server is dedicated to fulfilling the request; and’

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the fees that may be collected by a register of deeds are \$5 per page for making paper abstracts and copies of plans, \$1 per page for other paper abstracts and copies, 50¢ per page for digital abstracts and copies and 5¢ per page for copies of 1,000 or more digital abstracts and copies of consecutive records. The amendment also repeals the fee changes July 31, 2012 and restores current fee provisions on that date.