

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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.