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An Act To Change Document Filing Fees for County Registries of Deeds

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MORRISON of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAVERS of South Berwick,
BENNETT of Kennebunk, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford,
KAENRATH of South Portland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Instruments generally.** Receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that
5 may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in this section or in any other
6 section, the sum of ~~\$13~~ \$19 for the first record page and \$2 for each additional record
7 page or portion of an additional record page. In addition, if more than 4 names are to be
8 indexed, a fee of \$1 must be paid for each additional name, counting all grantors and
9 grantees;

10 **Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §2, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **9. Plans.** Recording, indexing and preserving plans, the sum of ~~\$15~~ \$21;

13 **Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §753** is enacted to read:

14 **§753. Option to raise fees**

15 The county commissioners, by a majority vote, may raise the filing fee for the first
16 page of recording an instrument in the registry of deeds.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill increases the filing fee for the first page of recording an instrument,
19 including plans, at all registries of deeds by \$6. This bill also gives the county
20 commissioners the option to raise the filing fee for the first page of recording an
21 instrument in the registry of deeds by a majority vote.