

By Mr. MacLean of Fairhaven, petition of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to increase certain fees payable to registers of deeds and recorders. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

**AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN FEES TO BE PAID TO REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND RECORDERS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 38, as most recently amended  
3 by section 3 of chapter 421 of the acts of 1960, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 38.* The fees of registers of deeds, except as other-  
6 wise provided, to be paid when the instrument is left for  
7 recording, filing or deposit shall be as follows: — For entering  
8 and recording any paper, certifying the same on the original,  
9 and indexing it, and for all other duties pertaining thereto, five  
10 dollars. If the paper contains more than one page, at the rate  
11 of one dollar for each page after the first; provided, that if the  
12 paper contains the names of more than two parties thereto,  
13 other than the husband and wife of the grantor or grantee, an  
14 additional fee of fifty cents each shall be charged for indexing  
15 the names of additional grantors or grantees or other parties  
16 thereto. The minimum fee for recording a deed or conveyance  
17 or a mortgage shall be ten dollars for the first two pages and  
18 one dollar for each additional page.

19 For all copies except photostat copies, at the rate of eighty  
20 cents a legal page of two hundred and twenty-four words. For  
21 photostat copies of all instruments, except copies of plans, at  
22 the rate of sixty cents a page.

23 For each abstract card referred to in section twenty-four B  
24 of chapter thirty-six, forty cents.

25 For recording and filing a plan, of a size not over fourteen  
26 inches by nine and a half inches, five dollars. For larger sizes,  
27 not less than eight dollars.

28 For entering any additional marginal reference or references  
29 when required, one dollar for each reference.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 262 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 39, as most recently amended by section  
3 of said chapter 421, and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
4 ing section: -

5 *Section 39.* The fees payable under chapter one hundred  
6 and eighty-five shall be as follows: -

7 For the entry of every original petition or writ and trans-  
8 mitting it to the recorder, when filed with an assistant re-  
9 corder, five dollars.

10 For every plan filed in an original proceeding, one dollar,  
11 and for every new plan filed after original registration, or for  
12 making a new plan filed under original registration, or for  
13 making a new plan on request of a registered owner, ten dollars  
14 plus one dollar for each lot shown on said plan. The filing fee  
15 in a registry of deeds upon receipt from the recorder of the  
16 land court of a plan or copy of a plan shall be two dollars.

17 For indexing an instrument recorded while a petition for  
18 registration is pending, twenty-five cents.

19 For examining title, on a petition to register land, or on a  
20 petition to register easements or rights in land, the actual  
21 amount charged or allowed therefor to the examiner by the  
22 court.

23 For each notice by mail, seventy-five cents and the actual  
24 cost of printing.

25 For all services by a sheriff or deputy sheriff under provi-  
26 sions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five, the same fees as  
27 are provided by law for like services.

28 For each notice by publication, seventy-five cents and the  
29 actual cost of publication.

30 For entry of an order dismissing a petition for registration of  
31 title, or for foreclosure of a tax title, or a decree of foreclosure  
32 of a tax title or of redemption, and sending a memorandum to  
33 the assistant recorder, two dollars.

34 For entry of a decree of registration and sending a memoran-  
35 dum to the assistant recorder, one quarter of one per cent of  
36 the assessed value of the property registered, on the basis of  
37 the last assessment for municipal taxation, in addition to any  
38 sum payable under section ninety-nine of chapter one hundred  
39 and eighty-five, but in no one proceeding shall the amount  
40 payable under this paragraph be less than ten nor more than  
41 one thousand dollars.

42 For a copy of a decree of registration, foreclosure or re-  
43 demption, two dollars.

44 For the entry of an original certificate of title issuing one  
45 duplicate, ten dollars.

46 For making and entering a new certificate of title, including  
47 issue of one duplicate, ten dollars.

48 For filing and registering an adverse claim, five dollars.

49 For filing and registering a mortgage, ten dollars.

50 For entering statement of change of residence or post-office  
51 address, including endorsing and attesting it on a duplicate  
52 certificate, two dollars.

53 For entering any note in the entry book or in the registra-  
54 tion book, two dollars.

55 For every petition after the original registration, two dollars.

56 For a certified copy of any decree or registered instrument,  
57 the same fees as are provided for registers of deeds.

58 For the registration of all other instruments, whether single  
59 or in duplicate or triplicate, including entering, indexing and  
60 filing it and attesting the registration thereof, and also making  
61 and attesting a copy of memorandum on one instrument or a  
62 duplicate certificate when required, except as otherwise pro-  
63 vided, five dollars, and five dollars for the making and attesting  
64 of a copy of memorandum on each additional certificate and  
65 duplicate. For noting the registration of any instrument on  
66 each other certificate and duplicate in addition to the first  
67 certificate duplicate, five dollars.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen  
2 hundred and seventy-three.

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