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REGULAR SESSION, 1947

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HOUSE BILL No. 183

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Amore)

PASSED February 18, 1947

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter fifty-seven, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto a new section, to be designated section seven-a, relating to photographing, microphotographing or reproducing on film, records, papers or documents.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter fifty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be designated section seven-a, to read as follows:

Section 7-a. Photographing, microphotographing or reproducing on film, records, papers or documents.—Any public officer of the state may, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, cause any or all records, papers or documents kept by him to be photographed, micro-
photographed or reproduced on film. Such photographic
film shall be of durable material and the device used to
reproduce such records on such film shall be one which
accurately reproduces the original thereof in all details.
Such photographs, microphotographs or photographic
film shall be deemed to be an original record for
all purposes, including introduction in evidence in
all courts or administrative agencies. A transcript,
exemplification or certified copy thereof shall, for
all purposes recited herein, be deemed to be
a transcript, exemplification, or certified copy of the
original. Whenever photographs, microphotographs or
reproductions on film have been made and put in con-
veniently accessible files, and provision has been made
for preserving, examining and using the same, the re-
spective heads of the departments, divisions, institutions
and agencies of the state may, with the approval of the
Board of Public Works, cause the records and papers so
photographed, microphotographed or reproduced on film,
or any part thereof, to be destroyed; but before any such
records, papers or documents are authorized to be de-
strove, the Board of Public Works shall obtain the ad-
vice and counsel of the state historian and archivist, or
his designated representative, as to the desirability of
placing the said records, papers and documents in the
archives of that department, whereupon the board of
public works may cause such records, papers and docu-
ments to be so transferred.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

\[\text{Joseph L. McKinney}
\text{Chairman Senate Committee}\]

\[\text{R. Maithers}
\text{Chairman House Committee}\]

Originated in the House of Delegates

\[\text{Takes effect Ninety days from passage.}\]

\[\text{Robert H. West}
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\text{Speaker House of Delegates}\]

\[\text{The within \underline{\text{Signed the}} this the \underline{\text{2}}}^\text{nd}\]
\[\text{day of \underline{\text{February}}}, 1947.}\]

\[\text{Oliver H. Logan}\]

\[\text{Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, FEB 26, 1947, SECRETARY OF STATE}\]