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HOUSE BILL No. 183

(By Mr. Speaker Mr. Amos)



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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 re-*
2 *producing on film, records, papers or documents.—Any*
3 *public officer of the state may, with the approval of the*
4 *Board of Public Works, cause any or all records, papers*
5 *or documents kept by him to be photographed, micro-*

6 photographed or reproduced on film. Such photographic
7 film shall be of durable material and the device used to
8 reproduce such records on such film shall be one which
9 accurately reproduces the original thereof in all details.

10 Such photographs, microphotographs or photographic
11 film shall be deemed to be an original record for
12 all purposes, including introduction in evidence in
13 all courts or administrative agencies. A transcript,
14 exemplification or certified copy thereof shall, for
15 all purposes recited herein, be deemed to be
16 a transcript, exemplification, or certified copy of the
17 original. Whenever photographs, microphotographs or
18 reproductions on film have been made and put in con-
19 veniently accessible files, and provision has been made
20 for preserving, examining and using the same, the re-
21 spective heads of the departments, divisions, institutions
22 and agencies of the state may, with the approval of the
23 Board of Public Works, cause the records and papers so
24 photographed, microphotographed or reproduced on film,
25 or any part thereof, to be destroyed; but before any such
26 records, papers or documents are authorized to be de-

27 stroyed, the Board of Public Works shall obtain the ad-
28 vice and counsel of the state historian and archivist, or
29 his designated representative, as to the desirability of
30 placing the said records, papers and documents in the
31 archives of that department, whereupon the board of
32 public works may cause such records, papers and docu-
33 ments to be so transferred.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Joseph L. McKee
Chairman Senate Committee

R. L. Matthews
Chairman House Committee

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Howard Meigs
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within Apprs this the 25th
day of Feb, 1947.

Clarence Melton

