

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1951



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 66

(By Mr. Andrews)



PASSED February 21 1951

In Effect 90 days from Passage



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(By MR. ANDREWS)

[Passed February 2, 1951; in effect ninety days from passage]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven-a, article one, chapter fifty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter ninety-four, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven, relating to photographing, microphotographing or reproducing on film, records, papers or documents.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven-a, article one, chapter fifty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter ninety-four, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Article 1. Legislative Acts and Resolutions; Public Records.

Section 7-a. *Photographing, Microphotographing or*

2 Reproducing on Film, Records, Papers or Documents.—

3 Any public officer of the state, with the approval of the
4 board of public work and/or any public officer of any
5 county in the state, with the approval of its county court,
6 may cause any or all records, papers or documents kept
7 by him to be photographed, microphotographed or repro-
8 duced on film. Such photographic film shall be of durable
9 material, and the device used to reproduce such records
10 on such film shall be one which accurately reproduces the
11 original thereof in all details.

12 Such photographs, microphotographs or photographic
13 film shall be deemed to be an original record for all pur-
14 poses, including introduction in evidence in all courts or
15 administrative agencies. A transcript, exemplification or
16 certified copy thereof shall, for all purposes recited here-
17 in, be deemed to be a transcript, exemplification, or
18 certified copy of the original. Whenever photographs,
19 microphotographs or reproductions on film have been
20 made and put in conveniently accessible files, and pro-
21 vision has been made for preserving, examining and
22 using the same, the respective heads of the departments,
23 divisions, institutions and agencies of the state and/or

24 counties may, with the approval of the aforesaid govern-
25 ing bodies, cause the records and papers so photographed,
26 microphotographed or reproduced on film, or any part
27 thereof, to be destroyed; but before any such records,
28 papers or documents are authorized to be destroyed, the
29 aforesaid governing bodies shall obtain the advice and
30 counsel of the state historian and archivist, or his desig-
31 nated representative, as to the desirability of placing the
32 said records, papers and documents in the archives of
33 that department, whereupon the aforesaid governing
34 bodies may cause such records, papers and documents
35 to be so transferred.

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

Robert C. Byrd
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Loop
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect *ninety days from* passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

J.R. Aliff
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. Raleigh Hunter
President of the Senate

W.E. Flamm
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *7th*
day of *Feb.*, 1951.

Okuy L. Patterson
Governor



Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State

of West Virginia

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D. PITT O'BRIEN,

SECRETARY OF STATE