WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 66

(By Mr. Andrews)

PASSED February 22, 1951

In Effect 90 days after 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.—
Any public officer of the state, with the approval of the board of public work and/or any public officer of any county in the state, with the approval of its county court, may cause any or all records, papers or documents kept by him to be photographed, microphotographed 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 conveniently accessible files, and provision has been made for preserving, examining and using the same, the respective heads of the departments, divisions, institutions and agencies of the state and/or
counties may, with the approval of the aforesaid governing bodies, 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 destroyed, the aforesaid governing bodies shall obtain the advice 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 aforesaid governing bodies may cause such records, papers and documents to be so transferred.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor