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, relating to destruction of paid and cancelled bonds and coupons issued by the state of West Virginia.

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, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 7-a. Photographing, Microphotographing or Reproducing on Film, Records, Papers or Documents; Destruction of paid and Cancelled bonds, coupons and interim certificates.—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 photo-
graphed, 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 photographich 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 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 des-
troyed, the board of public works 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 board of public works
may cause such records, papers and documents to be so
transferred: Provided however, That with respect to paid
and cancelled bonds, coupons and interim certificates in
the custody of the treasurer of the state of West Virginia
of any and all West Virginia bond issues, the chief in-
spector of public offices shall once each year, or more
often if requested by the treasurer, examine said can-
celled bonds, coupons and interim certificates and if he
determines that the said bonds, coupons and interim cer-
tificates have been paid, then the said chief inspector of
public offices shall list such paid and cancelled bonds,
coupons, and interim certificates by numbers and he shall
then, in writing authorize the treasurer to destroy said
listed bonds, coupons and interim certificates.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

H. M. Kinley
Chairman Senate Committee

C. H. Rundles
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

Howard Myler
Clerk of the Senate

J. H. Trigg
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph Bean
President of the Senate

W. E. Hannery
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 20th day of December, 1953.

William C. Marland
Governor

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D. Pitt O'Brien,
Secretary of State