

Acts 1941, Chapter 825.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," sub-title "Hall of Records Commission," said new section to follow immediately after Section 127 of said Article to be known as Section 127A, providing for the destruction of obsolete and useless documents, papers and records.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," sub-title "Hall of Records Commission," said new section to follow immediately after Section 127 of said Article to be known as Section 127A, and to read as follows:

127A. If the Commission shall decline to accept any original papers, official books, records, documents or files, offered to it under the provisions of Section 127, then the custodian thereof, with the written approval of the Board of Public Works, is authorized and empowered to destroy the same, after filing with the Hall of Records a list of all papers, books, documents and files to be destroyed. Such lists shall be retained in the custody of the Archivist and shall be available at reasonable times to inspection by the members of the public. Nothing in this section shall authorize the destruction of (a) papers, books, documents or files which have been in custody for a period of less than five years, or such other period as may be expressly prescribed by statute, (b) permanent books of account, (c) the records of any Court of record in this State, or (d) public records required by statute to be maintained permanently.