

"Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Hall of Records Commission", said new section to be known as Section 127B, and to follow immediately after Section 127A of said Article, providing for the disposition of certain photographed records in the State of Maryland and for the use of such photographs or copies or enlargements thereof in evidence.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Hall of Records Commission", said new section to be known as Section 127B, to follow immediately after Section 127A of said Article, and to read as follows:

127B. (a) Whenever any agency, department, board, or commission of the State of Maryland or of any county or incorporated municipality thereof shall have photographed, photocopied or microphotographed all or any part of the records kept by it or under its control in a manner and on film or paper that complies with the standard of quality approved for permanent photographic records by the Hall of Records Commission, and whenever such photographs, photocopies, or microphotographs shall be placed in adequately accessible containers and provision made for preserving, examining, and using the same in a manner approved by the Hall of Records Commission, the head of such agency, department, board or commission may, with the approval of the Archivist of the Hall of Records Commission under the provisions of Section 127A, of this sub-title, cause the original records from which the photographs, photocopies, or microphotographs have been made, or any part thereof, to be disposed of as the law provides.

(b) Photographs, photocopies, or microphotographs of any records photographed, photocopied, or microphotographed as herein provided shall have the same force and effect as the originals thereof would have had, and shall be treated as originals for the purpose of their admissibility in evidence. Certified or authenticated copies of such photographs, photocopies or microphotographs or enlargements thereof shall be admitted in evi-