

not in current use in his office, and when so surrendered, and accepted by the Commission, copies may be made and certified under the seal of the Commission upon application of any person, which certification shall have the same force and effect as if made by the officer originally in charge of same, and the Commission shall charge for such copies the same fees as such office is allowed by law to charge, which fees shall be accounted for and paid into the State treasury.

Whenever any land records of any court have been turned over to the Commission and deposited with it for preservation and so accepted by it, the Commission is hereby authorized and directed upon the written application of the clerk of the circuit court for any county [or the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City] and with the written approval of a judge of said court, to make photostatic or photographic reproductions of such land records, the expense thereof to be borne by the Commission; and such photostatic or photographic reproductions, when so made and certified under the seal of the Commissioner, shall be deposited by the Commission in the office of the clerk of the court making said application and said reproduced land records when so deposited shall be entitled to the same legal force and effect as the original land records from which such reproductions were made.

8.

If the Commission declines to accept any original papers, official books, records, documents or files offered to it under the provisions of §7, then their custodian, with the written approval of the Commission, may destroy them. After the records are destroyed, their custodian shall file with the Hall of Records a list of all papers, books, documents and files destroyed and a certificate of destruction. These 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. This section does not authorize the destruction of (a) papers, books, documents or files which have been designated for retention for a period of time expressly prescribed by statute, (b) public records expressly required by statute to be maintained permanently, except in those cases where the original record has been photographed, photocopied, or microphotographed in accordance with the provisions of §11 of this article, if the copy or reproduction of the original record is available upon request in the same manner as the original record, (c) permanent books of account, (d) the records of any court of record in this State, except as provided for in §1-605(d-3) and §2-206 of the Courts Article of the Code, (e) the land records recorded by the respective clerks of the circuit court for the [several] counties [and the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City]. Old records of which accurate transcriptions have been made and