

No. 259

AN ACT

Amending the act of May fifteen, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 796), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the preservation of the records or photographic film reproductions, or photographic or photostatic copies thereof, of banks, bank and trust companies, trust companies, savings banks, private banks, and national banking associations; providing that such photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies shall be admissible in evidence equally and with the same force and effect as the original records; providing a means for the final adjustment and settlement of depositors' accounts; saving certain parts of acts from repeal; and imposing penalties for violations," providing further for the preservation of records and their admissibility in evidence.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section one, of the act of May fifteen, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three (Pamphlet Laws 796), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the preservation of the records or photographic film reproductions, or photographic or photostatic copies thereof, of banks, bank and trust companies, trust companies, savings banks, private banks, and national banking associations; providing that such photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies shall be admissible in evidence equally and with the same force and effect as the original records; providing a means for the final adjustment and settlement of depositors' accounts; saving certain parts of acts from repeal; and imposing penalties for violations," amended by the act of June twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 898), is hereby amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That every bank, bank and trust company, trust company, and savings bank, incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth, and every private bank and every national banking association transacting business within this Commonwealth, shall preserve, in such form and manner that they may be readily produced upon proper demand, all its records of original or final entry, including [cards used under the card system, and] deposit or withdrawal slips or tickets, for a period of seven years from the date of making the last entry on the same. [: Provided, however, That this] *This* act shall [not] be construed to [prevent] *permit* the preservation of photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies of ledger records of depositors' accounts in lieu of the original of such ledger records. *All other records of original and*

Banks and
Banking.

Section 1, act of
May 15, 1933,
P. L. 796,
amended June 28,
1951, P. L. 898,
further amended.

Preservation of
records.

Photographic or photostatic copies of records to be admissible in evidence the same as original records.

final entry, including deposit or withdrawal slips or tickets, shall be preserved in original form for a period of two years from the date of making the last entry thereon and, thereafter, they shall be preserved for a further period of five years either in original form or in the form of photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies. Any photographic film reproduction or photographic or photostatic copy of such ledger record of a depositor's account shall be admissible in evidence in any proceeding equally and with the same force and effect as the original record, and all other photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies of original and final entry, including deposit or withdrawal slips or tickets, shall be admissible in evidence equally and with the same force and effect as the original records in any proceeding which occurs after the expiration of the two-year period prescribed for the retention of records of original and final entry.

APPROVED—The 15th day of December, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 260

AN ACT

Amending the act of May four, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 519), entitled "An act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," authorizing the burgess of a borough to request that matters upon which the council has cast a tie or split vote be tabled until a special session of the council and to cast the deciding vote, if necessary, at that time.

The Borough Code.

Section 1003, act of May 4, 1927, P. L. 519, re-enacted, amended and revised July 10, 1947, P. L. 1621, amended July 19, 1951, P. L. 1026, further amended.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section one thousand three, act of May four, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 519), known as "The Borough Code," re-enacted, amended and revised July ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1621), amended July nineteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1026), is amended to read:

Section 1003. When the Burgess May Preside Over Council and Vote; Attendance of Burgess at Council Meetings; Breaking Tie Votes.—The burgess shall preside over the organization of the council, until it is organized as provided in section 1001, and he shall be deemed a member of council at the organization meeting

* "photographic" in original.