

are all in the same degree of consanguinity to the decedent, they shall take in equal shares.

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 333

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 15, 1933 (P. L. 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.

Banks and banking.

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

Section 1, act of May 15, 1933, P. L. 796, re-enacted and amended June 28, 1951, P. L. 898, and amended December 15, 1955, P. L. 869, further amended.

Section 1. Section 1, act of May 15, 1933 (P. L. 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," reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 898), and amended December 15, 1955 (P. L. 869), is amended to read:

Preservation of records.

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 deposit or withdrawal slips or tickets, for a period of seven years from the date of making the last entry on the same. *Coupons,*

*accompanying deposits made in a Christmas Club, Vacation Club and similar club accounts, shall not be deemed *deposit slips or tickets, but each such coupon shall be retained in its original form for a period of two years from the date such club account is closed.* This act shall be construed to permit the preservation of photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies of ledger or other records of final entry of depositors' accounts and of deposit slips or tickets in lieu of the [original of such ledger records] originals thereof. All other records of original and 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 or other record of a depositor's account or of such deposit slips or tickets shall be admissible in evidence in any proceeding equally and with the same force and effect as the original [record] thereof, and all other photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies of records 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.

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 334

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all

* "deposits" in original.