

graphic, or other similar process; providing for the admissibility of such reproductions in evidence and the disposition of the original records," extending its provisions to records held in a custodial or fiduciary capacity and further specifying requirements which reproductions must meet.

Uniform Photographic Copies of Business and Public Records as Evidence Act.

Section 1, act of September 26, 1951, P. L. 1458, amended.

Reproduction or recording of certain records by photographic, photostatic, etc., process, authorized.

Such reproductions, etc., when satisfactorily identified, admissible in evidence.

Act effective immediately.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of September 26, 1951 (P. L. 1458), known as the "Uniform Photographic Copies of Business and Public Records as Evidence Act," is amended to read:

Section 1. If any business institution, member of a profession or calling, or any department or agency of government, in the regular course of business or activity, has kept or recorded any memorandum, writing, entry, print, representation, or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, and in the regular course of business has caused any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original, the original may be destroyed, in the regular course of business, [unless held in a custodial or fiduciary capacity or] unless its preservation is required by law. *Any such reproduction in order to comply with this act must accurately reproduce all lines and markings which appear on the original.* Such reproduction, when satisfactorily identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding, whether the original is in existence or not, and an enlargement or facsimile of such reproduction is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction is in existence and available for inspection under direction of court. The introduction of a reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile does not preclude admission of the original.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of May, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 33

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, employes' mutual banking associations, 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; and imposing penalties for violations," further providing for the preservation and admissibility in evidence of the records of such institutions concerning decedents' estates, inter vivos, testamentary or corporate trusts, and of their activities as fiduciary, agent, attorney in fact, transfer or fiscal agent, or registrar of shares, bonds or other obligations, and further specifying requirements which reproductions must meet.

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

Banks and  
Banking.

Section 1. Section 1 of 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, employes' mutual banking associations, 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; and imposing penalties for violations," reenacted and amended June 7, 1961 (P. L. 259), is amended to read:

Section 1, act of  
May 15, 1933,  
P. L. 796,  
reenacted and  
amended June 7,  
1961, P. L. 259,  
further amended.

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, employes' mutual banking association, 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 *in lieu of the originals* of ledger or other records of final entry of depositors' accounts and of deposit slips or tickets, [in lieu of the originals thereof] *and of all records concerning decedents' estates, inter vivos, testamentary*

Preservation  
of records.

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

*or corporate trusts, and of all other records of activities as fiduciary, agent, attorney in fact, transfer or fiscal agent, or registrar of shares, bonds or other obligations. Any such reproductions or copies in order to comply with this act must accurately reproduce all lines and markings which appear on the originals.* All other records of original and final entry, including 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, *or of all records concerning decedents' estates, inter vivos, testamentary or corporate trusts, and of all other records of activities as fiduciary, agent, attorney in fact, transfer or fiscal agent, or registrar of shares, bonds or other obligations,* shall be admissible in evidence in any proceeding equally and with the same force and effect as the original thereof, and all other photographic film reproductions or photographic or photostatic copies of records of original and final entry, including 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.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of May, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 34

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 26, 1949 (P. L. 1828), entitled "An act concerning the investment powers and duties of guardians, committees, trustees, and other fiduciaries, except personal representatives, and prescribing the nature and kind of investments which may be made and retained by such fiduciaries," providing for authorized investments in interest-bearing deposits.

Fiduciaries Investment Act of 1949.

Section 12, act of May 26, 1949, P. L. 1828, amended July 13, 1961, P. L. 598, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 12, act of May 26, 1949 (P. L. 1828), known as the "Fiduciaries Investment Act of 1949," amended July 13, 1961 (P. L. 598), is amended to read: