

HOUSE BILL NO. 154

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2222, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 7-4-2222, MCA, is amended to read:

**"7-4-2222. Substitution of reproduction for original document.** (1) Any document, plat, paper, written instrument, or book reproduced as provided in 7-4-2221 ~~can~~ may be disposed of or destroyed ~~only upon order of the district or probate court having jurisdiction pursuant to the requirements of 2-6-1012 and Title 2, chapter 6, part 12,~~ and the reproductions may be substituted as public records.

(2) ~~The copy~~ A reproduction of any record destroyed or disposed of as authorized in this section or a certified copy ~~thereof~~ of the reproduction is admissible as evidence in any court or proceeding and has the same force and effect as though the original record had been produced and proved.

(3) ~~It is the duty of the~~ The custodian of the records ~~to~~ shall prepare enlarged typed or photographic copies of the records whenever their production is required by law."

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