

1 HOUSE BILL 180

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR STORING OFFICIAL  
12 RECORDS ELECTRONICALLY.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. Section 14-1-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947,  
16 Chapter 185, Section 2) is amended to read:

17 "14-1-5. AUTHORIZATION.--Any public officer of the state  
18 may cause any or all records, papers or documents kept by ~~[him]~~  
19 the officer to be photographed, microfilmed, microphotographed,  
20 maintained as an electronic record or reproduced on film.

21 ~~[Such]~~ The electronic record, photographic film and the device  
22 used to reproduce ~~[such]~~ the records on ~~[such]~~ film shall be  
23 one ~~[which]~~ that accurately reproduces the original ~~[thereof]~~  
24 in all details."

25 SECTION 2. Section 14-1-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947,

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Chapter 185, Section 3) is amended to read:

"14-1-6. PRESUMPTION OF AUTHENTICITY.--Such photographs, microfilms, electronic records, photographic film or microphotographs shall be deemed to be an original record for all purposes, including introduction in evidence in all courts or administrative agencies. A transcript, exemplification or certified copy ~~[thereof]~~ of the transcript shall, for all purposes recited ~~[herein]~~ in this section, be deemed to be a transcript, exemplification or certified copy of the original."