

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in section one hundred and three of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws, during the effective period of this act a meter having a rated capacity of less than three hundred cubic feet per hour in the adjustment, internal repair or resealing of which tin-bearing solder or other tin-bearing material must be used, may be stamped correct as provided in said section one hundred and three if it varies not more than four per cent from the standard measure, except in the case of a meter that has not been internally repaired for a period of twelve years or more.

SECTION 2. This act shall remain in effect only while there is in force an order of the War Production Board of the United States or any successor of said board, containing the provisions of paragraph (b) of the order of said board issued January twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and forty-three, entitled section 1001.3, Supplementary Order M-43-b, or any like provisions.

*Approved March 31, 1943.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO DESTROY CERTAIN ORIGINAL PAPERS FILED IN THEIR OFFICES.

*Chap. 128*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section eight of chapter sixty-six of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence:—Notwithstanding the foregoing, the register of deeds in any county may, without such written approval, destroy any papers pertaining to attachments or to the dissolution or discharge thereof in the files of his office following the expiration of twenty years after the latest original entry therein or thereon, unless otherwise specifically provided by law,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 8.* Every original paper belonging to the files of the commonwealth, or of any county, city or town, bearing date earlier than the year eighteen hundred, every book of registry or record, every town warrant, every deed to the commonwealth or to any county, city or town, every report of an agent, officer or committee relative to bridges, public ways, sewers or other state, county or municipal interests or matters not required to be recorded in a book, and not so recorded, shall be preserved and safely kept, and every other paper belonging to such files shall be kept for seven years after the latest original entry therein or thereon, unless otherwise provided by law; and no such paper shall be destroyed without the written approval of the supervisor of records. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the register of deeds in any county may, without such written approval, destroy any papers pertaining to attachments or to the dissolution or discharge thereof in the files of his office following the expiration of twenty years after the latest original entry therein or thereon, unless otherwise specifically provided by law.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 66, § 8, amended.

Preservation of certain books, papers and records.

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