



CHAPTER 8
ARTICLE 3 - PUBLIC RECORDS

N.C.G.S. § 8-34.

Copies of official writings.

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§ 8-34(a) Copies of all official bonds, writings, papers, or documents, recorded or filed as records in any court, or public office, or lodged in the office of the Governor, Treasurer, Auditor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, or the State Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, shall be as competent evidence as the originals, when certified by the keeper of such records or writings under the seal of the keeper's office when there is such seal, or under the keeper's hand when there is no such seal, unless the court shall order the production of the original. Copies of the records of the board of county commissioners shall be evidence when certified by the clerk of the board under the clerk's hand and seal of the county.

§ 8-34(b) The provisions of this section shall apply to records stored on any form of permanent, computer-readable media, such as a CD-ROM, if the medium is not subject to erasure or alteration. Nonerasable, computer-readable storage media may be used for preservation duplicates, as defined in G.S. 132-8.2, or for the preservation of permanently valuable records as provided in G.S. 121-5(d).

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APPARATUS I
13 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1792	c. 368, s. 11, P.R.	ENACTED
02	1792	R.C., c. 44, s. 8	AMENDED
03	1868	S.L. 1868-9, c. 20, s. 21	AMENDED
04	1871	S.L. 1871-2, c. 91	AMENDED
05	1871	Code, ss. 715, 1342	AMENDED
06	Rev.	s. 1616	RECODIFIED
07	C.S.	s. 1779	RECODIFIED
08	1961	c. 739	AMENDED
09	1973	c. 476, s. 48	AMENDED
10	1999	S.L. 1999-131, s. 3	AMENDED
11	1999	S.L. 1999-456, s. 47(c)	AMENDED
12	2011	S.L. 2011-326, s. 13(a)	AMENDED
13	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 14.30(s)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 132-8.2	(b)	<i>"for preservation duplicates, as defined in"</i>
G.S. 121-5(d)	(b)	<i>"permanently valuable records as provided in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8-34 (2015).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8-34(a) (2015).

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