

SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS MADE CUSTODIAN OF DOCUMENTS

Act of Apr. 4, 1919, P.L. 44, No. 33

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AN ACT

Making the Secretary of Community Affairs the custodian of all deeds, contracts, maps, surveys, policies of title insurance, abstracts of titles, and other documents or instruments relating to the titles to real estate owned or hereafter to be acquired by the Commonwealth. (Title amended July 18, 1968, P.L.410, No.184)

Compiler's Note : The functions, powers and duties of the Secretary of Community Affairs and the Bureau of Land Records with regard to the custody and care of deeds and other instruments relating to the titles to real estate of the Commonwealth as set forth in this act were transferred to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission by Reorganization Plan No.2 of 1981.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of Community Affairs is hereby made the custodian of all deeds, contracts, maps, surveys, policies of title insurance, abstracts of title, and other documents or instruments relating to the titles to real estate owned or hereafter to be acquired by the Commonwealth.

(1 amended July 18, 1968, P.L.410, No.184)

Compiler's Note: The Secretary of Community Affairs, referred to in this section, was abolished by Act 58 of 1996 and the functions were transferred to the Secretary of Community and Economic Development.

Section 2. It is hereby made the duty of every person, corporation, quasi-corporation, and public officer, having in his possession or hereafter coming into the possession of any such evidences of title, to deliver the same to the Secretary of Community Affairs as soon as it may be done without inconvenience or prejudice to the interests of the Commonwealth,--the Secretary of Community Affairs giving his receipt for the same.

(2 amended July 18, 1968, P.L.410, No.184)

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Section 3. The Secretary of Community Affairs shall, upon receiving such evidences of title, provide a suitable place for their proper care and custody in the vault of the Land Office in his department, and shall so arrange them, by filing, recording, and indexing, as to facilitate searches, examinations, and inspections; and he shall furnish certified copies of any such records to the heads or chiefs of departments of the State Government, upon request, for use in the furtherance of the

business of the Commonwealth; and for the purpose of filing, indexing, and recording such documents, to use any clerks in the department available therefor, and to employ any additional clerks or help as he may find necessary, and fix their compensation.

(3 amended July 18, 1968, P.L.410, No.184)

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