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Forty-Third Congress, Session II
Chapter 9 — 18 Stat. 293
December 28, 1874

AN ACT *providing for the authentication of the revised statutes of the United States and for preserving the originals of all laws in the Department of State.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the certificate to the printed volume of the revised statutes of the United States required by section two of "An act providing for publication of the revised statutes and laws of the United States", approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be made by the Secretary of State under the seal of the Department of State, and so much of said section as provides that such certificate shall be under the seal of the United States, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That section number two hundred and four of the revised statutes of the United States shall hereafter read as follows: Whenever a bill, order, resolution or vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, having been approved by the President, or not having been returned by him with his objections, becomes a law or takes effect, it shall forthwith be received by the Secretary of State from the President; and whenever a bill, order, resolution or vote is returned by the President with his objections, and, on being reconsidered, is agreed to be passed, and is approved by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and thereby becomes a law or takes effect, it shall be received by the Secretary of State from the President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives in whichsoever House it shall last have been so approved, and he shall carefully preserve the originals.

APPROVED, December 28, 1874.