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An Act to provide for the disposal of court records.

[1 October 1955]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Records (Disposal) (Sarawak) Act 1955.

Power to make rules

2. The Minister may, after consultation with the *Chief Judge, make rules to provide for the disposal by destruction or otherwise of such records, exhibits, books and papers belonging to or being in the custody of—

- (a) the High Court or of any subordinate court as a Registrar of the High Court or the Magistrate presiding over such subordinate court may consider unworthy of being permanently preserved; and
- (b) a Probate Officer or the **Director General of Insolvency as the *Chief Judge may consider useless or unworthy of being permanently preserved.

*NOTE—Previously known as the “Chief Justice”—see section 46 of the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1994 [Act A885] which comes into operation on 24 June 1994.

**NOTE—Previously known as the “Official Assignee”—see section 17 of the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Act 2003 [Act A1197] which comes into operation on 1 October 2003.

Saving**3.** Nothing in this Act shall—

- (a) affect the provisions of *Chapter XXX of the Criminal Procedure Code or any written law relating to the disposal of property, the subject of or connected with the commission of an offence; and
- (b) be deemed to authorize the destruction of any document which under the provisions of any law for the time being in force is to be kept and maintained.

No suit to lie on account of destruction

4. No suit or other proceeding shall be instituted against any person for any disposal by destruction or otherwise of any records, exhibits, books or papers in accordance with any rules made under this Act.

*NOTE—The Criminal Procedure Code has since been repealed by the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment and Extension) Act, 1976 [*Act A324*] which comes into operation on 10 January 1976—see paragraph 4(c) of Act A324. Act A324 extended the application of the Criminal Procedure Code (*F.M.S. Cap. 6*) to throughout Malaysia—see subsection 2(2) of Act A324. *F.M.S. Cap. 6* has been revised and was named the Criminal Procedure Code [*Act 593*] which comes into operation on 4 April 1999.

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*Particulars under paragraphs 7(ii) and (iii) of the
Revision of Laws Act 1968 [Act 1]*

LIST OF AMENDMENTS

Amending law	Short title	In force from
Act No. 7/1964	Courts of Judicature Act, 1964	16-09-1963
L.N. 200/1965	Modification of Laws (Declaration of Federal Present Laws) (Sarawak) Order, 1965	16-09-1963
L.N. 452/1964	Modification of Laws (Records Disposal) (Sarawak) Order, 1964	17-12-1964

LIST OF LAWS OR PARTS THEREOF SUPERSEDED

No.	Title
Sarawak Cap. 9	Records (Disposal) Ordinance



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