

**600.17 COPIES OF GOVERNMENT RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.**

(1) Copies of any books, records, papers or other documents in any of the executive departments of the United States government, or of any corporation all of the stock of which is beneficially owned by the United States, either directly or indirectly, shall be admitted in evidence equally with the originals thereof, when duly authenticated under the seal of such department or corporation, respectively.

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(3) The seal of any such executive department or corporation shall be judicially noticed.

**History:** (9869) *RL s 4715; 1945 c 405 s 1*