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Parliament passes The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026

Parliament passed The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026 to modernize legal evidence frameworks for digital banking.

A central legislation replacing a colonial-era law to recognize digital and virtual banking records as admissible evidence in courts.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Lok Sabha** passed The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026 on **August 5, 2026**.
- The **Rajya Sabha** passed the Bill on **August 10, 2026**, completing its passage through Parliament.
- This Bill replaces the colonial-era **Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891**.
- It allows **digital and virtual banking records** to be legally admissible as evidence in court proceedings.
- The legislation aligns Indian **evidence laws** with modern digital banking practices.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The original Bankers' Books Evidence Act was enacted in **1891** during British rule.

The **Indian Evidence Act, 1872** was recently replaced by the **Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023**.

Admissibility of electronic records was previously governed under **Section 65B** of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Legal recognition for electronic records and digital signatures was first established by the **Information Technology Act, 2000**.

Article 107 of the Constitution deals with the introduction and passing of Bills in Parliament.

The Reserve Bank of India was established on **April 1, 1935** under the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

The Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026 replaces the 1891 Act to legalise digital banking records as court evidence.

Syllabus Relevance: Important Parliamentary legislation modernising evidence laws for Unit 5 Polity and Unit 6 Economy.