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CHAPTER 219

AN ACT to amend 16.80 (5) and (13) (b) of the statutes, relating to the disposition of public records.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

16.80 (5) and (13) (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

16.80 (5) To secure the destruction or other disposition of noncurrent public records, the head of any state agency or his designated representative shall forward to the committee an inventory of the records involved, certifying that as far as his agency is concerned the records may be destroyed *or otherwise disposed of* immediately or at some specified future date. Such records shall be open at all times to inspection by the members of the committee or their designated representatives.

(13) (b) The state historical society shall, in co-operation with the staff of the committee, as soon as practicable, adequately and conveniently classify and arrange such state records or other official materials as may be transferred to its care, for permanent preservation under this section and keep the same accessible to all persons interested, under such proper and reasonable rules as the historical society * * * *finds* advisable. Copies therefrom shall, on application of any citizen of this state interested therein, be made and certified by the director of said historical society, or his authorized representative in charge, which certificate shall have the same force as if made by the official originally in charge of them. *Records which have a confidential character while in the possession of the original custodian shall retain such confidential character after transfer to the historical society unless the board of curators of the historical society, with the concurrence of the original custodian, determines that such records shall be made accessible to the public under such proper and reasonable rules as the historical society adopts.*

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