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CHAPTER 397

AN ACT to amend 18.01 (5) (a) and (b); and to create 16.80 (3) (e) of the statutes, relating to the destruction of city and village records; the time of the retention of the records before destruction, and the transmittal of records to the state historical society.

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

SECTION 1. 16.80 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

16.80 (3) (e) Shall establish the minimum period of time for retention before destruction of any city or village record.

SECTION 2. 18.01 (5) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

18.01 (5) (a) Any city council or village board may provide by ordinance for the destruction of obsolete public records. Prior to any such destruction at least 60 days' notice in writing of such destruction shall be given the state historical society which shall preserve any such records it \* \* \* determines to be of historical interest; provided that the state historical society may, upon application, waive such notice.

(b) The period of time any city or village public record shall be kept before destruction shall be as prescribed by ordinance unless a specific period of time is provided by statute. The period prescribed in such ordinance shall be not less than 2 years with respect to water stubs, receipts of current billings and customer's ledgers of any municipal utility, and 7 years for other records unless a shorter period has been fixed by the committee on public records pursuant to s. 16.80 (3) (e).

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