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**CHAPTER 464.**

AN ACT to amend 59.715 (introductory paragraph), 59.716 (introductory paragraph) and to create 59.715 (20), 59.716 (4) and 59.717 (3) of the statutes, relating to micro-filming and destruction of obsolete court records.

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

SECTION 1. 59.715 (introductory paragraph) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.715 (introductory paragraph) Whenever necessary to gain needed vault and filing space, county or court officers may, *subject to the provisions of sections 59.716 and 59.717*, destroy obsolete records in their custody as follows:

SECTION 2. 59.715 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

59.715 (20) Court records and exhibits in any civil or criminal action or proceeding, provided the same shall first be photographed or microphotographed and preserved as provided in section 327.30 in all cases except exhibits not of a documentary nature:

(a) After 30 years from the entry of a final order or judgment therein, or

(b) After 30 years from the date when the same shall have been commenced; provided that the same shall have been dormant for 10 years and that the destruction thereof shall be authorized by the order of a judge.

SECTION 3. 59.716 (introductory paragraph) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.716 (introductory paragraph) *Prior to destruction under section 59.715, \* \* \* the proper officers \* \* \* shall offer to the state historical society under section 44.02 (9), and if the offer be accepted by the said society within 60 days shall transfer, title to non-current records in their custody as follows:*

SECTION 4. 59.716 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

59.716 (4) Records of any court which have been photographed or microphotographed under the provisions of section 59.715 (20).

SECTION 5. 59.717 (3) of the statutes is created to read:  
59.717 (3) Records of any court which have been photographed or microphoto-  
graphed under the provisions of section 59.715 (20).

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