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CHAPTER 329

AN ACT to create 18.01 (5) of the statutes, relating to the destruction of obsolete public records and the reproduction of public records.

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

18.01 (5) of the statutes is created 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 may determine to be of historical interest.

(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, but the period prescribed in such ordinance shall be not less than 7 years.

(c) Any city council or village board may also provide by ordinance for the keeping and preservation of public records by the use of microfilm or other reproductive device. Any photographic reproduction shall be deemed an original record for all purposes if it meets the standards established in s. 44.08 (5) (b), so far as the same may be applicable.

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