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CHAPTER 234

AN ACT to create 18.01 (6) of the statutes, relating to public records in counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

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

18.01 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

18.01 (6) Counties having a population of 500,000 or more may provide by ordinance for the destruction of obsolete public records without regard to ss. 59.715 to 59.717 and may undertake a management of records service. The period of time any public record shall be kept before destruction shall be determined by ordinance except that the specific period of time expressed within s. 59.715 shall apply as to those records or documents. Prior to any destruction of records, except those specified within s. 59.715 as well as those having a confidential character as determined by the county, at least 60 days' notice of such destruction shall be given in writing, to the state historical society, which may preserve any such records it determines to be of historical interest; however no notice need be given for any of the aforesaid class of records for which destruction has previously been approved by the state historical society or in which it has indicated that it has no interest for historical purposes. The county board may also provide, by ordinance, a program for the keeping, preservation, retention and disposition of public records including the establishment of a committee on public records and may institute a record management service for the county and may appropriate funds to accomplish such purposes.

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