

1981 Assembly Bill 652

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CHAPTER 191 , Laws of 1981

**AN ACT to amend 19.21 (5) (b) and (7); and to create 19.21 (8) of the statutes,
relating to destruction of certain taped recordings of local public meetings.**

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

SECTION 2. 19.21 (5) (b) and (7) of the statutes are amended to read:

19.21 (5) (b) The period of time any town, city or village public record is kept before destruction shall be as prescribed by ordinance unless a specific period of time is provided by statute. The period prescribed in the ordinance may not be 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 public records board under s. 16.61 (3) (e) and except as provided under sub. (8).

(7) Any school district, except a city school district or a school district in a ~~city of the~~ 1st class city, may provide for the destruction of obsolete school records. Prior to any such destruction, at least 60 days' notice in writing of such destruction shall be given the historical society, which shall preserve any such records it determines to be of historical interest. The historical society may, upon application, waive the notice. The period of time a school district record shall be kept before destruction shall be not less than 7 years, unless a shorter period has been fixed by the public records board under s. 16.61 (3) (e) and except as provided under sub. (8). This section shall not apply to pupil records under s. 118.125.

SECTION 3. 19.21 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

19.21 (8) Notwithstanding any minimum period of time for retention set under s. 16.61 (3) (e), any taped recording of a meeting, as defined in s. 19.82 (2), by any governmental body, as defined under s. 19.82 (1), of a city, village, town or school district may be destroyed no sooner than 90 days after the minutes have been approved and published if the purpose of the recording was to make minutes of the meeting.
