

otherwise moved in a manner authorized by the department or under its direction.

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CHAPTER 316.

AN ACT to amend 18.03, 20.10 (2) and 44.09; to repeal and recreate 44.08 and to create 20.16 (4) of the statutes, relating to records of state officers and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 18.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

18.03 Any public records, in any state office, that are not required for current use may, in the discretion of the * * * committee on public records, be transferred into the custody of the state historical society, as provided in section 44.08 of the statutes.

SECTION 2. 20.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.10 (2) On July 1, 1917, \$20,000, to be used as a revolving appropriation for the purchase of a general stock of all necessary office supplies, telegraph and telephone service, postage and postal service, express, freight and drayage service, paper, except paper required by law to be furnished by the director of purchases, and all other materials, supplies, services and expense of a consumable nature, including microfilming service, which in the judgment of the requisitioning officers are required by the various offices in performing the powers, duties, functions and obligations imposed upon them by law. Whenever such materials, supplies, services, or expense, charged to this appropriation, are furnished to the various offices the cost thereof shall be charged over to the proper appropriations for such offices and credited back to this appropriation; and whenever any such materials or supplies, charged to this appropriation are sold as provided in section 15.80, the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the general fund and credited back to this appropriation.

SECTION 3. 20.16 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

20.16 (4) Annually, beginning July 1, 1947, \$10,000 for the execution of the functions of the committee on public records.

SECTION 4. 44.08 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

44.08 RECORDS OF STATE OFFICES. (1) For the purpose of the permanent preservation of important state records and to provide an orderly method for the disposition of other state records, there shall be established under the state historical society of Wisconsin a permanent committee on public records, to consist of the director of the said state historical society, the attorney-general, and the state auditor, or their designated representatives. This committee shall pass upon the requests of the state departments or other agencies for the reproduction by microfilm or other process or for the destruction or other disposition of such records, and shall have power to order the destruction, reproduction, temporary or permanent retention, and disposition of the public records of any department or agency of the state, and shall be specifically required to safeguard the legal, financial and historical interests of the state in such records.

(2) Public records for the purposes of this section are defined as all records, documents, correspondence, original papers, files, manuscripts or other materials bearing upon the activities and functions of the department or agency or its officers or employes.

(3) To secure the destruction or other disposition of non-current public records, the head of any department or agency or his designated representative shall forward to the committee an inventory of the records involved, certifying that insofar as his department or agency is concerned the records may be destroyed immediately or at some specified future date. Such records shall be open at all times to inspection by the members of the committee or their designated representatives. The committee shall pass on all such requests and may order such destruction or other disposition as may be dictated by the historical, financial and legal value of the records involved. No public records may be destroyed without the written approval of the originating office or its legal successor and the written approval of the committee on public records, any and all contrary provisions of law notwithstanding.

(4) To secure the reproduction of non-current records, the head of any department or agency or his designated representative shall ask the committee on public records for approval of such reproduction. All such microfilming or other reproduction shall be handled by the bureau of purchases or its designated

agents and paid for out of the appropriation of the originating department or agency. This shall not be construed to interfere with the microfilming or other reproduction of current records or materials so microfilmed or otherwise reproduced in the ordinary operations of any department or agency, but no original records current or non-current shall be destroyed after microfilming or other reproduction without the permission of the committee on public records.

(5) The state historical society, as trustee for the state, shall be the ultimate depository of the archives of the state, and the committee on public records may transfer to the said society such original records and reproductions as it may deem proper.

SECTION 5. 44.09 of the statutes is amended to read:

44.09 Said state historical society is hereby required, as soon as practicable, adequately and conveniently to classify and arrange such state records or other official material as may be transferred to its care, *for permanent preservation* under the provisions of section 44.08 * * *, and to keep the same accessible to all persons interested, under such proper and reasonable regulations as may be found advisable. *Copies therefrom shall, on application of any citizen of Wisconsin interested therein, be made and certified by the director of said historical society, or his authorized representative in charge, which certification shall have all the force and effect as if made by the official originally in charge of them.*

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CHAPTER 317.

AN ACT to create 44.10 of the statutes, designating the state historical society as custodian of the painted portraits of former governors of Wisconsin.

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

44.10 of the statutes is created to read:

44.10 CUSTODIAN OF GOVERNORS' PORTRAITS. The state historical society is designated the custodian of the painted portraits of the former governors of Wisconsin and it shall maintain such