

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1497

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Facilitating electronic access to public records.

Sponsors: House Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Thomas and Dyer).

House Committee on Government Operations
Senate Committee on Energy, Telecommunications & Utilities
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background: Public records are required to be preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed or disposed of, and managed in accordance with provisions of law.

The state archivist manages a division of archives and records management in the Office of the Secretary of State to insure the proper management and safeguarding of public records. The state archivist adopts rules for: (1) setting standards for the durability and permanence of state and local public records; and (2) establishing procedures to create, maintain, transmit, and reproduce photographic, optical, electronic, or other images used as public documents.

Summary: The state archivist is required to:

- o Adopt rules for cataloging, indexing, and storing photographic, optical, electronic, and other images of public records;
- o Adopt rules facilitating access to photographic, optical, electronic, and other images used as public records; and
- o Assist and train state and local agencies in the proper methods of creating, maintaining, cataloging, indexing, transmitting, storing, and reproducing photographic, optical, electronic, and other images used as public records.

A null and void provision is added requiring specific funding for this legislation in the omnibus appropriations act before it becomes effective.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	1	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)
House	96	0	(House concurred)

Effective: July 23, 1995