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CHAPTER 551

AN ACT to create 22.03 of the statutes, relating to the protection and preservation of essential public records for civil defense purposes.

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

22.03 of the statutes is created to read:

22.03 PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS. The committee on public records established under s. 15.65 shall establish as promptly as possible a system for the protection and preservation of essential state public records necessary for the continuity of governmental functions in the event of enemy action and for the re-establishment of government after attack. The committee shall:

(1) Determine what records are essential for emergency operation through consultation with all state agencies and with the bureau of civil defense.

(2) Determine what records are essential for post-emergency operations and provide for their protection and preservation.

(3) Establish the manner in which essential records for emergency and post-emergency operations shall be preserved.

(4) Require every state agency to establish and maintain a records preservation program.

(5) Provide for security storage of essential state records.

(6) Provide the several state agencies with copies of the final plan for the protection and preservation of essential public records.

(7) Advise and recommend as to the establishment of records protection and preservation programs for all local governmental agencies.

Approved October 20, 1959.
