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Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure	2-6-201. Purpose. The purpose of this part is to create an	Moves to new Part 1 so that
efficient and effective management of public records and	effective records management program for executive branch	purpose applies universally —
public information, in accordance with Article II, sections 8	agencies of the state of Montana and political subdivisions by	all branches, state and local
through 10, of the Montana constitution, for the state of Montana and its political subdivisions.	establishing guidelines and procedures for the efficient and economical control of the creation, utilization, maintenance,	gov't.
ivioritaria ariu its politicai subulvisioris.	and preservation of state and local records.	Emphasizes Montana
	and preservation or state and local records.	Constitution.
Section 2. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following	2-6-101. Definitions. (1) Writings are of two kinds:	Definitions consolidated and
definitions apply:	(a) public; and	universally applicable at the
(1) "Constitutional officer" means the governor,	(b) private.	beginning of public records
lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state,	(2) Public writings are:	chapter.
superintendent of public instruction, or auditor, who are the	(a) the written acts or records of the acts of the sovereign	
constitutionally designated and elected officials of the	authority, of official bodies and tribunals, and of public	Archaic, confusing, and
executive branch of government.	officers, legislative, judicial, and executive, whether of this	unnecessary definitions
(2) "Essential record" means a public record	state, of the United States, of a sister state, or of a foreign	eliminated. Current and
immediately necessary to:	country, except records that are constitutionally protected	needed definitions revised for
(a) respond to an emergency or disaster;	from disclosure;	clarity. New definitions added
(b) begin recovery or reestablishment of operations	(b) public records, kept in this state, of private writings,	for terms used throughout
during and after an emergency or disaster;	including electronic mail, except as provided in 22-1-1103 and	chapter.
(c) protect the health, safety, and property of	<u>22-3-807</u> and except for records that are constitutionally	A slove soude device and
Montana citizens; or	protected from disclosure.	Acknowledges and
(d) protect the assets, obligations, rights, history, and	(3) Public writings are divided into four classes:	distinguishes between public
resources of a public agency and its employees, customers, or Montana citizens.	(a) laws; (b) judicial records;	information and public record.
(3) "Executive branch agency" means a department,	(c) other official documents;	Instead of listing various
board, commission, office, bureau, or other public authority of	(d) public records, kept in this state, of private writings,	formats, recommends
the executive branch of state government.	including electronic mail.	"regardless of physical form
(4) "Historic record" means a public record found by	(4) All other writings are private.	or characteristics".
the state archivist to have permanent administrative or historic	(1) 7 in other withings are private.	or characteristics .
value to the state.	2-6-202. Definitions. As used in this part, the following	
(5) "Local government" means any city, town, county,	definitions apply:	UPDATE: New definition
consolidated city-county, school district, or subdivision of one	(1) (a) "Public records" includes:	added for "record
of these entities.	(i) any paper, correspondence, form, book, photograph,	manager".
(6) "Local government records committee" means the	microfilm, magnetic tape, computer storage media, map,	
local government records committee provided for in [section	drawing, or other document, including copies of the record	

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(7) "Permanent record" means a public record designated for long-term or permanent retention. (8) "Public agency" means any political subdivision, including a municipality, county, school district, and any agency or department of the state of Montana. (9) "Public information" means information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, relating to the conduct of the public's business and prepared, owned, used, or retained by any public agency. (10) "Public officer" means any person who has been elected or appointed as an officer of state or local government. (11) "Public record" means public information that is: (a) fixed in any medium and is retrievable in usable form for future reference; and (b) designated for retention by the state records committee, judicial branch, legislative branch, or local government records committee. (12) "Records manager" means an individual	required by law to be kept as part of the official record, regardless of physical form or characteristics, that: (A) has been made or received by a state agency to document the transaction of official business; (B) is a public writing of a state agency pursuant to 2-6-101(2)(a); and (C) is designated by the state records committee for retention pursuant to this part; and (ii) all other records or documents required by law to be filed with or kept by any agency of the state of Montana. (b) The term includes electronic mail sent or received in connection with the transaction of official business. (c) The term does not include any paper, correspondence, form, book, photograph, microfilm, magnetic tape, computer storage media, map, drawing, or other type of document that is for reference purposes only, a preliminary draft, a telephone messaging slip, a routing slip, part of a stock of publications or of preprinted forms, or a superseded publication. (2) "State records committee" or "committee" means the state records committee provided for in 2-6-208.	CHANGES
designated by a public agency to be responsible for coordinating the efficient and effective management of the agency's public records and information. (13) "State records committee" means the state records committee provided for in [section 15 14].	2-6-301. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply: (1) "Constitutionally designated and elected officials of the executive branch of government" means the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, and auditor. (2) (a) "Official records" means any paper, correspondence, form, book, photograph, microfilm, magnetic tape, computer storage media, map, drawing, or other document, including all copies of the record, regardless of physical form or characteristics, that has been made or received by a constitutionally designated and elected official of the executive branch of government in transacting official duties and preserved for informational value or as evidence of a	

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	transaction.	
	(b) The term includes electronic mail sent or received in	
	connection with the transaction of official duties.	
	2-6-401. Definitions. For the purposes of this part, the	
	following definitions apply:	
	(1) "Local government" means:	
	(a) any city, town, county, consolidated city-county, or school district; and	
	(b) any subdivision of an entity named in subsection (1)(a). (2) (a) "Public records" includes:	
	(i) any paper, correspondence, form, book, photograph,	
	microfilm, magnetic tape, computer storage media, map,	
	drawing, or other document, including copies of the record	
	required by law to be kept as part of the official record,	
	regardless of physical form or characteristics, that:	
	(A) has been made or received by any local government to	
	document the transaction of official business;	
	(B) is a public writing of the local government pursuant to <u>2-6-</u>	
	101(2)(a); and	
	(C) is designated for retention by the local government	
	records committee established in <u>2-6-402</u> ; and (ii) all other records or documents required by law to be filed	
	with or kept by any local government in the state of Montana,	
	except military discharge certificates filed under 7-4-2614.	
	(b) The term includes electronic mail sent or received in	
	connection with the transaction of official duties.	
	(c) The term does not include any paper, correspondence,	
	form, book, photograph, microfilm, magnetic tape, computer	
	storage media, map, drawing, or other type of document that	
	is for reference purposes only, a preliminary draft, a telephone	
	messaging slip, a routing slip, part of a stock of publications or	
	of preprinted forms, or a superseded publication.	
	(3) "Records custodian" means any individual responsible for	
	the proper filing, storage, or safekeeping of any public records.	

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s s s s s s s s s	Section 3. Access to public information privacy and security exceptions. (1) Every [person] has a right to inspect and receive examine and obtain a copy of any public information of this state, except for information that is constitutionally protected from disclosure because an individual privacy interest clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure or as otherwise expressly prohibited by statute. (2) A [public officer] may withhold from public curutiny information relating to individual privacy or individual privacy or security of public facilities, including public inchools, jails, correctional facilities, private correctional acilities, and prisons, if release of the information may evopardize the safety of facility personnel, the public, students in a public school, or inmates of a facility. Security features hat may be protected under this section include but are not imited to architectural floor plans, blueprints, designs, drawings, building materials, alarms system plans, surveillance echniques, and facility staffing plans, including staff numbers and locations. A [public officer] may not withhold from public curutiny any more information than is required to protect an individual privacy interest or safety or security interest. (3) The provisions of this section do not apply to collections of the Montana historical society when restrictions on access have been imposed by collection creators or donors.	2-6-102. Citizens entitled to inspect and copy public writings. (1) Every citizen has a right to inspect and take a copy of any public writings of this state, except as provided in 22-1-1103, 22-3-807, or subsection (3) of this section and as otherwise expressly provided by statute. (2) Every public officer having the custody of a public writing that a citizen has a right to inspect is bound to give the citizen on demand a certified copy of it, on payment of the legal fees for the copy, and the copy is admissible as evidence in like cases and with like effect as the original writing. The certified copy provision of this subsection does not apply to the public record of electronic mail provided in an electronic format. (3) Records and materials that are constitutionally protected from disclosure are not subject to the provisions of this section. Information that is constitutionally protected from disclosure is information in which there is an individual privacy interest that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure, including legitimate trade secrets, as defined in 30-14-402, and matters related to individual or public safety. (4) A public officer may withhold from public scrutiny information relating to individual privacy or individual or public safety or security of public facilities, including public schools, jails, correctional facilities, private correctional facilities, and prisons, if release of the information may jeopardize the safety of facility personnel, the public, students in a public school, or inmates of a facility. Security features that may be protected under this section include but are not limited to architectural floor plans, blueprints, designs, drawings, building materials, alarms system plans, surveillance techniques, and facility staffing plans, including staff numbers and locations. A public officer may not withhold from public scrutiny any more information than is required to protect an individual privacy interest or safety or security interest.	

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	2-6-104. Records of officers open to public inspection. Except as provided in <u>27-18-111</u> and <u>42-6-101</u> , the public records and other matters, except records that are constitutionally protected from disclosure, in the office of any officer are at all times during office hours open to the inspection of any person.	
	2-6-110. Electronic information and nonprint records public access fees. (1) (a) Except as provided by law, each person is entitled to a copy of public information compiled, created, or otherwise in the custody of public agencies that is in electronic format or other nonprint media, including but not limited to videotapes, photographs, microfilm, film, or computer disk, subject to the same restrictions applicable to the information in printed form. All restrictions relating to confidentiality, privacy, business secrets, and copyright are applicable to the electronic or nonprint information. (b) The provisions of subsection (1)(a) do not apply to collections of the Montana historical society established pursuant to <u>22-3-101</u> [.]	
Section 4. Public information requests fees. (1) Every [public officer] with custody of public information shall provide a [person] an accurate copy of the information at the [person's] request, except as provided in [section 3], on payment of the fees for the copy as provided for this section. A [public officer] must allow public information to be inspected at all times during office hours. (2) A [public agency] may charge a fee for providing copies of public information to a [person]. The fee may not exceed the actual costs directly incident to providing the	2-6-110. Electronic information and nonprint records public access fees (2) Except as provided by law and subject to subsection (3), an agency may charge a fee, not to exceed: (a) the agency's actual cost of purchasing the electronic media used for transferring data, if the person requesting the information does not provide the media; (b) expenses incurred by the agency as a result of mainframe and midtier processing charges;	Current law addresses allowable fees for the "copying" of public information in multiple and confusing sections. Moves special fees for certain information to separate New Section 5.
[person] with a copy, including the time required to gather the public information. (1) A person may request public information from a public agency. A public agency shall make the means of	(c) expenses incurred by the agency for providing online computer access to the person requesting access; (d) other out-of-pocket expenses directly associated with the request for information, including the retrieval or production	Policy consideration: how should public agencies/ officers charge fees associated with fulfilling

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requesting public information accessible to all persons. (2) Upon receiving a request for public information, a public agency shall respond in a timely manner to the requesting person with an estimate of the time it will take to fulfill the request and any fees that may be charged pursuant to subsection (3). (3) A public agency may charge a fee for fulfilling a public information request. The fee may not exceed the actual costs directly incident to fulfilling the request in the most costefficient and timely manner possible. The fee must be documented. The fee may include the time required to gather public information. However, an agency may not charge a fee for a public information request that can be fulfilled in less than one-half hour.	of electronic mail; and (e) the hourly market rate for an administrative assistant in pay band 3 of the broadband pay plan, as provided for in 2-18-301, in the current fiscal year for each hour, or fraction of an hour, after one-half hour of copying service has been provided[.]	public information requests? UPDATE: Rewrote subsections (1) and (2) to update and clarify the language; revised the formula in subsection (3) and added requirements regarding cost-efficiency and timeliness.
Section 5. Special fees allowable for certain information. (1) In addition to the fees allowed under [section 4], the department of revenue may charge an additional fee as reimbursement for the cost of developing and maintaining the property valuation and assessment system database from which the information is requested. The fee must be charged to persons, federal agencies, state agencies, and other entities requesting the database or any part of the database from any department property valuation and assessment system. The fee may not be charged to the governor's office of budget and program planning, the state tax appeal board, or any legislative agency or committee body or its members or staff. (2) The department of revenue may not charge a fee for information provided from any department property valuation and assessment system database to a local taxing jurisdiction for use in taxation and other governmental functions or to an individual taxpayer concerning the taxpayer's property. (3) All fees received by the department of revenue under [section 4] and this section must be deposited in the	2-6-110. Electronic information and nonprint records public access fees (3) (a) In addition to the allowable fees in subsection (2), the department of revenue may charge an additional fee as reimbursement for the cost of developing and maintaining the property valuation and assessment system database from which the information is requested. The fee must be charged to persons, federal agencies, state agencies, and other entities requesting the database or any part of the database from any department property valuation and assessment system. The fee may not be charged to the governor's office of budget and program planning, the state tax appeal board, or any legislative agency or committee. (b) The department of revenue may not charge a fee for information provided from any department property valuation and assessment system database to a local taxing jurisdiction for use in taxation and other governmental functions or to an individual taxpayer concerning the taxpayer's property.	Contains language from current law allowing additional fees for the Dept. of Revenue and the exception granted MHS to charge additional fees for materials curated as part of its collections. UPDATE: revised the exemption for legislative members and staff in subsection (1); clarified the purpose for the additional fees in subsection (4).

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property value improvement fund as provided in 15-1-521. (4) In addition to the fees allowed under [section 4], the Montana historical society may charge additional fees for copies of materials contained in its collections to support the educational, curatorial, and interpretive efforts for which the Montana historical society was established pursuant to 22-3-101.	(c) All fees received by the department of revenue under subsection (2) and this subsection (3) must be deposited in a state special revenue fund as provided in 15-1-521. (d) Fees charged by the secretary of state pursuant to this section must be set and deposited in accordance with 2-15-405. (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "agency" has the meaning provided in 2-3-102 but includes legislative, judicial, and state military agencies. (5) An agency may not charge more than the amount provided under subsection (2) for providing a copy of an existing nonprint record. (6) Subject to 15-1-103, an agency shall ensure that a copy of information provided to a requester is of a quality that reflects the condition of the original if requested by the requester. (7) This section does not authorize the release of electronic security codes giving access to private information.	
Section 6.7. Preservation of public records possession of public records. (1) All public records are and remain the property of the state. The public records must be delivered by outgoing officials public officers and employees to their successors and must be preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, or disposed of and otherwise managed only in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (2) If any outgoing public officer or employee refuses or neglects to deliver to the current public officer or employee any public records that pertain to that public office, the current public officer or employee may file a complaint in the district court of the county where the public officer or employee resides, pursuant to the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, to compel the outgoing officer or employee to deliver any public records still in the outgoing officer or	2-6-205. Preservation of public records. All public records are and shall remain the property of the state. They shall be delivered by outgoing officials and employees to their successors and shall be preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, or disposed of and otherwise managed only in accordance with the provisions of this part.	Technical changes. Maintains emphasis on preservation. UPDATE: combined section 6 and section 7 into the same section and updated the process language from old section 7 into new subsection (2).

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employee's possession.		
Section 7. Possession of public records compelling delivery attachment and warrant to enforce. (1) Each [public officer] is entitled to the possession of all [public records] pertaining to that office or in the custody of a former [public officer] by virtue of that office. (2) If any [person] refuses or neglects to deliver any	 2-6-106. Possession of records. Each public officer is entitled to the possession of all books and papers pertaining to that office or in the custody of a former incumbent by virtue of that office. 2-6-107. Proceedings to compel delivery of records. If any 	Combines 3 current sections addressing the "passing on" of records upon succession of public officers and remedies for failure to do so.
[public records] pertaining to a [public office] to the current [public officer], the [public officer] may apply, by complaint, to any district court or judge of the county where the person refusing or neglecting resides and the court or judge must proceed in a summary way, after notice to the adverse party, to hear the allegations and proofs of the parties and to order any [public records] to be delivered to the petitioners. (3) The execution of the order and delivery of the [public records] may be enforced by attachment as for a	person, whether a former incumbent or another person, refuses or neglects to deliver to the actual incumbent any such books or papers, such actual incumbent may apply, by complaint, to any district court or judge of the county where the person so refusing or neglecting resides and the court or judge must proceed in a summary way, after notice to the adverse party, to hear the allegations and proofs of the parties and to order any such books and papers to be delivered to the petitioners.	The language has not been updated and could be revised to reflect current practices if the committee so directs.
witness and also, at the request of the plaintiff, by a warrant directed to the sheriff or a constable of the county, commanding the sheriff or constable to search for the [public records] and to take and deliver them to the plaintiff.	2-6-108. Attachment and warrant to enforce. The execution of the order and delivery of the books and papers may be enforced by attachment as for a witness and also, at the request of the plaintiff, by a warrant directed to the sheriff or a constable of the county, commanding the sheriff or constable to search for the books and papers and to take and deliver them to the plaintiff.	
Section 8. Certified copies of records—[historic records] and [constitutional officer records]—certified copies. (1) The Montana historical society shall reproduce and certify copies of [historic] records and [constitutional officer] records in its possession upon the request of any [citizen]. (2) The certified copy of a [historic] record or [constitutional officer record] has the same force in law as if	 2-6-207. Certified copies of public records. (1) The Montana historical society shall reproduce and certify copies of public records in its possession upon application of any citizen of this state. (2) The certified copy of a public record has the same force in law as if made by the original custodian. 	Specifies the types of records in MHS' possession and combines two existing sections. UPDATE: Revised this section to include public
made by the original custodian. (1) A person may request a certified copy of a public record from a public agency subject to the provisions of	2-6-307. Certified copies of official records. (1) The Montana historical society shall reproduce and certify copies of official records in its possession upon application of any	records as well; updated the language and added cross-references.

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[section 3]. The public agency may charge a fee for the certified copy of a public record in accordance with [section 4]. (2) A person may request a certified copy of a historic record or a constitutional officer record from the Montana historical society subject to the provisions of [section 3]. The Montana historical society may charge a fee for the certified copy of a historic record or constitutional officer record in accordance with [sections 4 and 5(4)]. (3) The certified copy created by the Montana historical society of a historic record or a constitutional officer record has the same force in law as if made by the original public agency that created the record.	citizen of this state. (2) The certified copy of an official record has the same force in law as if made by the original custodian.	
Section 96. Management of public records disposal and destruction. (1)(a) Each [public officer] is responsible for properly managing the public records within the [public officer's] possession or control through an established records management plan that satisfies the requirements of this chapter. (b) [Executive branch agencies] and [local governments?] shall manage [public records] according to the provisions of [part 2] and the rules and guidelines established by the secretary of state, the state records committee, the local government records committee, and the Montana historical society. (c) Local governments shall manage public records according to the provisions of [part 3] and the rules and guidelines established by the secretary of state, the local government records committee, and the Montana historical society. (d) Pursuant to 5-2-503 and5-11-105, the legislative council shall administer the records management plan for the legislative branch. The legislative branch may seek assistance from the secretary of state, the state records committee, the local government records committee, and the Montana	THIS LANGUAGE DOES NOT CURRENTLY EXIST IN STATUTE	Emphasizes management of records through disposition to address finding that many records are retained well past their designated retention. UPDATE: added subsections for the different branches of government to specify where each branch can/must look for rules and guidelines for their records management plans while highlighting the autonomy for the legislative and judicial branches. Additionally, we recommend moving this section up further in the draft to make it New Section 6.

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historical society regarding development, implementation, and administration of the legislative records management plan. (e) The judicial branch shall establish a records management plan. The judicial branch may seek assistance from the secretary of state, the state records committee, the local government records committee, and the Montana historical society regarding development, implementation, and administration of the judicial records management plan. (2) When a [public record] has reached the end of its retention period, the [public officer] shall ensure the record is disposed of, destroyed, or transferred according to the provisions of this chapter.		
Section 10 9. Protection and storage of essential records. (1) To provide for the continuity and preservation of civil government, each public officer shall designate certain public records as essential records. The list must be continually maintained by the public officers to ensure its accuracy. Each public officer shall collaborate with the appropriate continuity of government programs to ensure essential records are identified and maintained. (2) Each public officer shall ensure essential records are efficiently and effectively secured. Each public officer shall look to the guidance provided by the state records committee or the local government records committee in choosing appropriate methods to protect, store, back up, and recover essential records.	2-6-206. Protection and storage of essential records. (1) In order to provide for the continuity and preservation of civil government, each elected and appointed officer of the executive branch shall designate certain public records as essential records needed for an emergency or for the reestablishment of normal operations after the emergency. A list of essential records must be forwarded to the secretary of state. The list must be reviewed from time to time by the elected or appointed officers to ensure its accuracy. Any changes or revisions must be forwarded to the secretary of state. (2) Each elected and appointed officer of state government shall ensure that the security of essential records is accomplished by the most economical means possible. Protection and storage of essential records may be by vaulting, planned or natural dispersal of copies, storage in the state archives or in an alternative location provided pursuant to 2-6-211(2), or any other method approved by the secretary of state. (3) Reproductions of essential records may be by photocopy, magnetic tape, microfilm, or other methods	Makes universally applicable the duty to designate essential records to ensure continuity of government. Removes requirement to forward list of essential records to SOS. Requires all public officers to work with appropriate continuity program and records committee to ensure proper management of essential records.

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	approved by the secretary of state.	
Section 11 10. Prohibition on dissemination or use of	2-6-109. Prohibition on distribution or sale of mailing lists	Closes identified "loophole"
distribution lists exceptions penalties. (1) Except as	exceptions penalty. (1) Except as provided in	by broadening prohibition to
provided in subsections (3) through (9), to protect the privacy	subsections (3) through (9), in order to protect the privacy of	include "distribution list" and
of those who deal with state and local government:	those who deal with state and local government:	provides a definition.
(a) a public agency may not distribute or sell a	(a) an agency may not distribute or sell for use as a	
distribution list without first securing the permission of those	mailing list any list of persons without first securing the	UPDATE: revised the
on the list; and	permission of those on the list; and	definition in subsection (2)
(b) a list of persons prepared by the public agency	(b) a list of persons prepared by the agency may not	for clarity.
may not be used as a distribution list except by the public	be used as a mailing list except by the agency or another	
agency or another public agency without first securing the	agency without first securing the permission of those on the	
permission of those on the list.	list.	
(2) As used in this section, "distribution list" means	(2) As used in this section, "agency" means any board,	
any list of personal contact information collected by a public	bureau, commission, department, division, authority, or officer	
agency and used to distribute unsolicited information to the	of the state or a local government.	
individuals on the list.	(3) This section does not prevent an individual from	
(3) This section does not prevent an individual from	compiling a mailing list by examination of records that are	
compiling a distribution list by examination of records that are	otherwise open to public inspection.	
otherwise open to public inspection.	(4) This section does not apply to the lists of:	
(4) This section does not apply to the lists of:	(a) registered electors and the new voter lists	
(a) registered electors and the new voter lists	provided for in 13-2-115;	
provided for in 13-2-115;	(b) the names of employees governed by Title 39,	
(b) the names of employees governed by Title 39,	chapter 31;	
chapter 31;	(c) persons holding driver's licenses or Montana	
(c) persons holding driver's licenses or Montana	identification cards provided for under 61-5-127;	
identification cards provided for under 61-5-127;	(d) persons holding professional or occupational	
(d) persons holding professional or occupational	licenses governed by Title 23, chapter 3; Title 37, chapters 1	
licenses governed by Title 23, chapter 3; Title 37, chapters 1	through 4, 6 through 29, 31, 34 through 36, 40, 47, 48, 50, 51,	
through 4, 6 through 20, 22 through 29, 31, 34 through 36, 40,	53, 54, 60, 65 through 69, 72, and 73; and Title 50, chapters 39,	
47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 65 through 69, 72, and 73; and Title	72, 74, and 76; or	
50, chapters 39, 72, 74, and 76; or	(e) persons certified as claims examiners under 39-71-	
(e) persons certified as claims examiners under 39-71-	320.	
320.	(5) This section does not prevent an agency from	
(5) This section does not prevent an agency from	providing a list to persons providing prelicensing or	

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providing a list to persons providing prelicensing or continuing education courses subject to state law or subject to Title 33, chapter 17. (6) This section does not apply to the right of access by Montana law enforcement agencies. (7) This section does not apply to a corporate information list developed by the secretary of state containing the name, address, registered agent, officers, and directors of business, nonprofit, religious, professional, and close corporations authorized to do business in this state. (8) This section does not apply to the use by the public employees' retirement board of a mailing list of boardadministered retirement system participants to send materials on behalf of a retiree organization formed for boardadministered retirement system participants and with taxexempt status under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, for a fee determined by rules of the board, provided that the mailing list is not released to the organization. (9) This section does not apply to a public school providing lists of graduating students to representatives of the armed forces of the United States or to the national guard for the purposes of recruitment. (10) A person violating the provisions of subsection (1)(b) is guilty of a misdemeanor.	continuing educational courses subject to state law or subject to Title 33, chapter 17. (6) This section does not apply to the right of access by Montana law enforcement agencies. (7) This section does not apply to a corporate information list developed by the secretary of state containing the name, address, registered agent, officers, and directors of business, nonprofit, religious, professional, and close corporations authorized to do business in this state. (8) This section does not apply to the use by the public employees' retirement board of a mailing list of board-administered retirement system participants to send materials on behalf of a retiree organization formed for board-administered retirement system participants and with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, for a fee determined by rules of the board, provided that the mailing list is not released to the organization. (9) This section does not apply to a public school providing lists of graduating students to representatives of the armed forces of the United States or to the national guard for the purposes of recruitment. (10) A person violating the provisions of subsection (1)(b) is guilty of a misdemeanor.	
Section 12 11. Concealment of public hazards prohibited concealment of information related to settlement or resolution of civil suits prohibited. (1) This section may be cited as the "Gus Barber Antisecrecy Act". (2) As used in this section, "public hazard" means a device, instrument, or manufactured product, or a condition of a device, instrument, or manufactured product, that endangers public safety or health and has caused injury, as defined in 27-	2-6-112. Concealment of public hazards prohibited concealment of information related to settlement or resolution of civil suits prohibited. (1) This section may be cited as the "Gus Barber Antisecrecy Act". (2) As used in this section, "public hazard" means a device, instrument, or manufactured product, or a condition of a device, instrument, or manufactured product, that endangers public safety or health and has caused injury, as defined in 27-	Unchanged.

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(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a	(3) Except as provided in this section, a court may not	
court may not enter a final order or judgment that has the	enter a final order or judgment that has the purpose or effect	
purpose or effect of concealing a public hazard.	of concealing a public hazard.	
(4) Any portion of a final order or judgment entered	(4) Any portion of a final order or judgment entered	
or a written final settlement agreement entered into that has	or written final settlement agreement entered into that has the	
the purpose or effect of concealing a public hazard is contrary	purpose or effect of concealing a public hazard is contrary to	
to public policy, is void, and may not be enforced. This section	public policy, is void, and may not be enforced. This section	
does not prohibit the parties from keeping the monetary	does not prohibit the parties from keeping the monetary	
amount of a written final settlement agreement confidential.	amount of a written final settlement agreement confidential.	
(5) A party to civil litigation may not request, as a	(5) A party to civil litigation may not request, as a	
condition to the production of discovery, that another party	condition to the production of discovery, that another party	
stipulate to an order that would violate this section.	stipulate to an order that would violate this section.	
(6) This section does not apply to:	(6) This section does not apply to:	
(a) trade secrets, as defined in 30-14-402, that are not	(a) trade secrets, as defined in 30-14-402, that are not	
pertinent to public hazards and that are protected pursuant to	pertinent to public hazards and that are protected pursuant to	
Title 30, chapter 14, part 4;	Title 30, chapter 14, part 4;	
(b) other information that is confidential under state	(b) other information that is confidential under state	
or federal law; or	or federal law; or	
(c) a health care provider, as defined in 27-6-103.	(c) a health care provider, as defined in 27-6-103.	
(7) Any affected person, including but not limited to a	(7) Any affected person, including but not limited to a	
representative of the news media, has standing to contest a	representative of the news media, has standing to contest a	
final order or judgment or written final settlement agreement	final order or judgment or written final settlement agreement	
that violates this section by motion in the court in which the	that violates this section by motion in the court in which the	
case was filed.	case was filed.	
(8) The court shall examine the disputed information	(8) The court shall examine the disputed information	
or materials in camera. If the court finds that the information	or materials in camera. If the court finds that the information	
or materials or portions of the information or materials consist	or materials or portions of the information or materials consist	
of information concerning a public hazard, the court shall	of information concerning a public hazard, the court shall	
allow disclosure of the information or materials. If allowing	allow disclosure of the information or materials. If allowing	
disclosure, the court shall allow disclosure of only that portion	disclosure, the court shall allow disclosure of only that portion	
of the information or materials necessary or useful to the	of the information or materials necessary or useful to the	
public concerning the public hazard.	public concerning the public hazard.	
(9) This section has no applicability to a protective	(9) This section has no applicability to a protective	
order issued under Rule 26(c) of the Montana Rules of Civil	order issued under Rule 26(c) of the Montana Rules of Civil	
Procedure or to any materials produced under the order. Any	Procedure or to any materials produced under the order. Any	

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materials used as exhibits may be publicly disclosed pursuant	materials used as exhibits may be publicly disclosed pursuant	
to the provisions of subsections (7) and (8).	to the provisions of subsections (7) and (8).	
Section 13 12. Secretary of state powers and duties	2-6-203. Secretary of state's powers and duties	Makes the central microfilm
rulemaking authority. (1) To ensure the proper management	rulemaking authority. (1) In order to ensure the proper	unit permissive instead of
and safeguarding of public records, the secretary of state shall:	management and safeguarding of public records, the secretary	mandatory.
(a) establish guidelines and adopt based on accepted	of state shall:	
industry standards for managing public records; (b) upon request of another executive branch agency,	(a) establish guidelines for inventorying, cataloging,	Requires the Secretary of State to consult with the Dept.
review, analyze, and make recommendations regarding	retaining, and transferring all public records of state agencies; (b) review and analyze all state agency filing systems	of Administration.
executive branch agency filing systems and procedures;	and procedures and approve filing system equipment	or Administration.
(c) establish and operate the state records center for	requests;	Leaves the filing system
the purpose of storing and servicing public records not	(c) establish and operate the state records center, as	review up to the request of
retained in office space;	authorized by appropriation, for the purpose of storing and	the executive branch agency.
(d) provide information and training materials for all	servicing public records not retained in office space;	
phases of efficient and effective records management;	(d) gather and disseminate information on all phases	Policy consideration:
(e) approve microfilming projects and microfilm	of records management, including current practices, methods,	should the Legislature grant
equipment purchases undertaken by all state agencies;	procedures, and devices for the efficient and economical	rulemaking authority to the
(f) consult with the department of administration	management of records;	Secretary of State to adopt
pursuant to [section 14 13];	(e) operate a central microfilm unit that will microfilm,	rules on behalf of the State Records Committee?
(g) adopt rules regarding management of public records;	on a cost recovery basis, all records approved for filming by the office of origin and the secretary of state;	Records Committee?
(h) adopt rules to implement the objectives of the	(f) approve microfilming projects and microfilm	
state records committee and local government records	equipment purchases undertaken by all state agencies; and	UPDATE: revised subsection
committee; and	(g) adopt rules regarding management of public	(1)(a) to clarify that the
(i) upon request, assist and advise in the	records.	industry standards should
establishment of records management procedures in the	(2) Upon request, the secretary of state shall assist	be a reference, not a
legislative and judicial branches of state government and , as	and advise in the establishment of records management	mandatory standard to be
required by them, provide services similar to those available to	procedures in the legislative and judicial branches of state	adopted.
the executive branch.	government and shall, as required by them, provide services	
(2) In addition to the requirements under subsection	similar to those available to the executive branch.	
(1), the secretary of state may operate a central microfilm unit that will microfilm, on a cost recovery basis, all records	0.6404 B.L. H. H. H. T. H. G. H. H.	
approved for filming by the office of origin and the secretary	2-6-404. Rulemaking authority. The secretary of state shall adopt rules to implement 2-6-402 and 2-6-403.	
of state.	adopt rules to implement 2-0-402 and 2-0-403.	

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Section 14_13. Department of administration powers and duties. (1) To ensure compatibility with the information technology systems of state government and to promote adherence to records management principles and best practices, the department of administration, in consultation with the secretary of state, shall establish standards for technological compatibility for state agencies for records management equipment or systems used to electronically capture, store, or retrieve public records through computerized, optical, or other electronic methods. (2) The department of administration, in consultation with the secretary of state, shall approve all acquisitions of executive agency records management equipment or systems used to electronically capture, store, or retrieve public records through computerized, optical, or other electronic methods to ensure compatibility with the standards developed under subsection (1). (3) The department of administration is responsible for the management and operation of equipment, systems, facilities, or processes integral to the department's central computer center and statewide telecommunications system.	2-6-214. Department of administration powers and duties. (1) In order to ensure compatibility with the information technology systems of state government, the department of administration shall develop standards for technological compatibility for state agencies for records management equipment or systems used to electronically capture, store, or retrieve public records through computerized, optical, or other electronic methods. (2) The department of administration shall approve all acquisitions of executive agency records management equipment or systems used to electronically capture, store, or retrieve public records through computerized, optical, or other electronic methods to ensure compatibility with the standards developed under subsection (1). (3) The department of administration is responsible for the management and operation of equipment, systems, facilities, or processes integral to the department's central computer center and statewide telecommunications system.	Adds language "in consultation with the secretary of state" to subsections (1) and (2) to ensure collaboration between information technology and records management communities.
Section 15_14. State records committee composition and meetings. (1) There is a state records committee composed of: (a) representatives of: (i) the department of administration; (ii) the legislative auditor; (iii) the attorney general; (iv) the secretary of state; (v) the Montana historical society; (vi) the clerk of the supreme court; and (vii) the state chief information officer; and (b) five members representing executive branch	2-6-208. Records committee composition and meetings. (1) There is a committee to be known as the state records committee composed of representatives of: (a) the department of administration; (b) the legislative auditor; (c) the attorney general; (d) the secretary of state; and (e) the Montana historical society. (2) The representatives are to be designated by the head of the respective agencies, and their appointments must be submitted in writing to the secretary of state. (3) The committee shall meet at least quarterly.	Expands membership to include representatives of clerk of supreme court, state CIO, and 5 executive branch agencies. Ensures participation from IT and legal communities as well as the records management community.

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agencies designated pursuant to subsections (4) and (5).	(4) Committee members shall serve without	UPDATE: Revised the
(2) The state records committee is administered by	additional salary but are entitled to reimbursement for travel	process described in
the secretary of state, and the secretary of state's	expense incurred while engaged in committee activities as	subsection (4); clarified
representative serves as the presiding officer for the	provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503. Expenses must be	subsection (5).
committee.	paid from the appropriations made for operation of their	
(3) The committee members representing the	respective agencies.	
agencies in subsection (1)(a) are designated by the head of the	(5) The state records committee is administered by	
respective agencies, and their appointments must be	the secretary of state, and the secretary of state's	
submitted in writing to the secretary of state. These committee	representative serves as the presiding officer for the	
members serve at the pleasure of the head of their respective	committee.	
agencies.		
(4) To implement subsection (1)(b), the presiding		
officer committee members in subsection (1)(a) shall develop a		
rotation by which each of the executive branch agencies is		
designated to select a representative to serve a 2-year term as		
a committee member. The rotation must be adopted by		
administrative rule and published in the Administrative Rules		
of Montana. The secretary of state shall adopt the rotation by		
administrative rule.		
(5) The presiding officer COMMITTEE? shall establish		
guidelines for the heads of executive branch agencies in		
appointing representatives to ensure the executive branch		
representatives provide a balance of perspectives from records		
management, information technology, and legal professionals.		
(6) The committee shall meet at least quarterly.		
(7) Committee members shall serve without		
additional salary but are entitled to reimbursement for travel		
expense incurred while engaged in committee activities as		
provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503. Expenses must be		
paid from the appropriations made for operation of their		
respective agencies.		
Section 16 15. State records committee duties and	2-6-204. State records committee approval. The committee	Broadens the duties of the
responsibilities. The purpose of the state records committee	shall approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendations on	SRC as a resource for
is to act as a resource for executive branch agencies and	retention schedules of all public records to determine which	information and guidance, as

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others by staying at the forefront of records management best practices. The committee shall: (1) gather and disseminate information on all phases of records management; (2) advise the secretary of state in developing records management standards, guidelines, and training materials; (3) develop guidelines to help agencies identify, maintain, and secure their essential records; (4) serve as a forum for continuing collaboration among records management, information technology, and legal professionals throughout state agencies; (5) make recommendations to the secretary of state for rulemaking regarding public records management; and (6) regularly review existing public records laws and make recommendations to the secretary of state regarding pursuing statutory change; and (7) report to the governor and, as provided in 5-11-210, the legislature biennially on the activities of the committee, improvements in records management in state government, aspects of records management requiring further improvement, and committee recommendations and plans for further improvement.	documents not included in the provisions of this part are to be designated public records and approve agency requests to dispose of such public records.	well as strengthening the committee's advisory role in decisions related to records management. UPDATE: added subsection (7) with a reporting requirement.
Section 17 16. Retention and disposition subcommittee approval required for record disposal. (1) There is a subcommittee of the state records committee to be known as the retention and disposition subcommittee. The subcommittee is composed of the members of the state records committee who represent the following offices: (a) the department of administration; (b) the legislative auditor; (c) the attorney general; (d) the secretary of state; and (e) the Montana historical society. (2) The subcommittee shall approve, modify, or	2-6-212. Disposal of public records. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no public record may be disposed of or destroyed without the unanimous approval of the state records committee. When approval is required, a request for the disposal or destruction must be submitted to the state records committee by the agency concerned. (2) The state records committee may by unanimous approval establish categories of records for which no disposal request is required, providing those records are retained for the designated retention period.	Maintains the current SRC's composition and role in approving retention schedules and disposal requests by establishing a subcommittee of the current members for these duties.

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disapprove the recommendations on retention schedules of all public records. (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), no public record may be disposed of or destroyed without the unanimous approval of the subcommittee. When approval is required, a request for the disposal or destruction must be submitted to the subcommittee by the agency concerned. (4) The subcommittee may by unanimous approval establish categories of records for which no disposal request is required, provided that those records are retained for the designated retention period.		
Section 18_17. Historic records Montana historical society powers and duties. To ensure the proper management and safeguarding of historic records, the Montana historical society shall: (1) establish and operate the state archives as authorized by appropriation for the purpose of storing, preserving, and providing access to historic records transferred to the custody of the state archives; (2) in cooperation with the secretary of state, the local government records committee, and the state records committee, establish guidelines to inventory, catalog, retain, transfer, and provide access to all historic records; (3) maintain and enforce restrictions on access to historic records in the custody of the state archives in accordance with the provisions of this part; and (4) in accordance with the guidelines established pursuant to subsection (2), remove and destroy duplicate records and records considered to have no historical value.	2-6-302. Official records management powers and duties. In order to insure the proper management and safeguarding of official records, the Montana historical society shall: (1) establish and operate the state archives as authorized by appropriation for the purpose of storing and servicing official records transferred to the custody of the state archives; (2) in cooperation with the secretary of state, the local government records committee provided for in 2-6-402, and the state records committee provided for in 2-6-208, establish guidelines for the inventorying, cataloging, retention, and transfer of all official records; (3) maintain and enforce restrictions on access to official records in the custody of the state archives in accordance with the provisions of this part; (4) provide adequate housing and care of official records in the custody of the state archives to insure their proper preservation and use by the public; (5) in accordance with the guidelines established pursuant to subsection (2), remove and destroy duplicate official records and official records of insignificant historical value from the records deposited in the state archives.	Clarifies MHS' role by explicitly including now-defined "historic records," because existing law is currently limited to "official records."

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Section 19_18. Constitutional officer records Montana historical society. (1) All constitutional officer records remain the property of the state. The records must be delivered by outgoing constitutional officers to their successors, who shall preserve, store, transfer, destroy, or dispose of and otherwise manage them in accordance with the provisions of this section. (2) Within 2 years after taking office as a constitutional officer, the current constitutional officer shall consult with staff members of the Montana historical society and transfer to the Montana historical society all of the constitutional officer records of the prior officeholder that are not necessary to the current operation of that office and considered worthy of preservation. (3) An outgoing constitutional officer, in consultation with staff members of the Montana historical society, shall review constitutional officer records and isolate any items of a purely personal nature. The personal papers are not subject to this section, but they may be deposited along with the constitutional officer records at the Montana historical society at the officer's discretion. (4) An outgoing constitutional officer, in consultation with staff members of the Montana historical society, may restrict access to certain segments of that officer's records.	2-6-304. Outgoing officials records management duties. (1) Within 2 years after the completion of the final term of office of a constitutionally designated and elected official of the executive branch of government, all of the official records not necessary to the current operation of that office are subject to storage, disposal, or transfer in accordance with the provisions of this part. (2) All official records of a retiring constitutionally designated and elected official not necessary to the current operation of that office and considered worthy of preservation by the Montana historical society must be transferred to the custody of the state archives within that 2-year period. (3) An outgoing official, in consultation with staff members of the Montana historical society, shall review official records and isolate any items of a purely personal nature. The personal papers are not subject to this part, but they may be deposited with the official papers at the official's discretion. (4) An outgoing official, in consultation with staff members of the Montana historical society, may restrict access to certain segments of official records. Restrictions may not be longer than the lifetime of the depositing official. Restricted access may be imposed only to protect the confidentiality of personal information contained in the records. Restricted access may not be imposed unless the demand of individual	Consolidates several current sections to address the unique concerns related to managing these specific records. Replaces "official record" with "constitutional officer record" to lessen confusion; otherwise much of the language in current law remains. UPDATE: revised subsection (3) for clarity. Deleted subsection (6) because it repeats the language found in New Section 8.
Restrictions may not be longer than the lifetime of the depositing official. Restricted access may be imposed only to protect the confidentiality of personal information contained in the records. Restricted access may not be imposed unless	privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure. (5) Any question concerning the transfer or other status of official records arising between the state archives and an elected official's office must be decided by a four-fifths	
the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure. (5) Any question concerning the transfer or other status of constitutional officer records arising between the state archives and a constitutional officer's office must be decided by a four-fifths vote of the members of the retention	 vote of the members of the state records committee. 2-6-303. Ownership of records transfer. (1) All official records remain the property of the state. They must be delivered by outgoing officials to their successors and must be preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, or disposed of and 	

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and disposition subcommittee. (6) (a) In accordance with [section 8], the Montana historical society shall reproduce and certify copies of constitutional officer records in its possession upon application of any person. (b) The certified copy of a constitutional officer record has the same force in law as if made by the original custodian.	otherwise managed only in accordance with the provisions of this part. (2) A public officer may, with the concurrence of the Montana historical society, transfer to the state archives official records that the officer has been specifically directed by statute to preserve or keep in that office.	
responsibilities state records center. (1) All permanent records no longer required in the current operation of the office where they are made or kept and all records of each agency or activity of the executive branch of state government that has been abolished or discontinued must be maintained by the agency or transferred to the state records center in accordance with approved records retention schedules. (2) When records are transferred to the state records center, the transferring agency does not lose its rights of control and access. The state records center is merely a custodian of the agency records, and access is only by agency approval. Agency records for which the state records center acts as custodian may not be subpoenaed from the state records center but must be subpoenaed from the agency to which the records belong. Fees may be charged to cover the cost of records storage and servicing. (3) Prior to transferring a permanent record to the state records center, the transferring agency shall first consult with the state archivist to determine whether the record is also a historic record. If the record is found to be a historic record, it must be transferred to the Montana historical society in accordance with the provisions of [section 18_17]. (4) If an agency does not wish to transfer records as provided in an approved retention schedule, the agency shall, within 30 days, notify the secretary of state and request a	2-6-211. Transfer and storage of public records. (1) All public records not required in the current operation of the office where they are made or kept and all records of each agency, commission, committee, or any other activity of the executive branch of state government that may be abolished or discontinued must be, in accordance with approved records retention schedules, either transferred to the state records center or transferred to the custody of the state archives if the records are considered to have permanent administrative or historical value. (2) Subject to approval by the secretary of state pursuant to 2-6-206, the state records center and the state archives may store transferred permanent public records in locations other than in the buildings occupied by the state records center or the state archives when it is in the best interests of the state. (3) When records are transferred to the state records center, the transferring agency does not lose its rights of control and access. The state records center is only a custodian of the agency records, and access is only by agency approval. Agency records for which the state records center acts as custodian may not be subpoenaed from the state records center but must be subpoenaed from the agency to which the records belong. Fees may be charged to cover the cost of records storage and servicing. (4) If an agency does not wish to transfer records as	Addresses the management of "noncurrent" or "inactive" records with lasting value using current language, but eliminates current subsection (2) to avoid confusion regarding records stored in electronic format. Addresses the need for the state archivist to review these records to determine historic value. UPDATE: deleted subsection (4).

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	within 30 days, notify the secretary of state and request a change in the schedule.	
Section 21 20. Agency records management duties. Each department head shall administer the executive branch agency's records management function and shall: (1) coordinate all aspects of the agency records management function, including disposition, scheduling, and transfer in accordance with procedures prescribed by the secretary of state and the state records committee; (2) analyze records inventory data and examine and compare all inventories within the agency to minimize duplication of records; (3) review and approve records disposal requests for submission to the retention and disposition subcommittee; (4) review established records retention schedules to ensure they are complete and current and make recommendations to the secretary of state and the state records committee regarding minimal retentions for all copies of public records within the agency; (5) incorporate records management requirements into the agency information technology plan provided for in 2-17-523; (6) ensure that all agency employees receive appropriate and ongoing records management training; and (7) after considering guidance from the state records committee regarding records manager qualifications, officially designate a qualified agency records custodian manager to manage the functions provided for in this section.	2-6-213. Agency responsibilities and transfer schedules. Each executive branch agency of state government shall administer its records management function and shall: (1) coordinate all aspects of the agency records management function; (2) manage the inventorying of all public records within the agency for disposition, scheduling, and transfer action in accordance with procedures prescribed by the secretary of state and the state records committee; (3) analyze records inventory data, examine and compare divisional or unit inventories for duplication of records, and recommend to the secretary of state and the state records committee minimal retentions for all copies of public records within the agency; (4) approve all records disposal requests that are submitted by the agency to the state records committee; (5) review established records retention schedules to ensure that they are complete and current; and (6) officially designate an agency records custodian to manage the functions provided for in this section.	Names the department head as the individual responsible to ensure proper management of agency records as part of the effort to make records management a higher priority. Updates language and adds requirements to provide records management training and designate a qualified records custodian. UPDATE: revised subsection (1) and subsection (7).
Section 22_21. Local government records committee composition and meetings. (1) There is a local government records committee. (2) The committee consists of the following eight members:	 2-6-402. Local government records committee creation. (1) There is a local government records committee. (2) The committee consists of the following eight members: (a) the state archivist; 	Minor changes for clarification. UPDATE: revised terms to

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(a) the state archivist; (b) the state records manager; (c) a representative of the department of administration; (d) two local government records custodians managers appointed by the director of the Montana historical society; (e) two local government records custodians managers appointed by the secretary of state; and (f) a person representing the Montana state genealogical society, appointed by the secretary of state, who shall serve as a volunteer. (3) Committee members subject to appointment shall hold office for a period of 2 years beginning on January 1 of the year following their appointment. (4) Any vacancies must be filled in the same manner they were filled originally. (5) The committee shall elect a presiding officer and a vice presiding officer. (6) The committee shall meet at least twice a year upon the call of the secretary of state or the presiding officer. (7) Except as provided in for the member appointed in subsection (2)(f), members of the committee not serving as part of their compensated government employment must be compensated in accordance with 2-18-501 through 2-18-503 for each day in committee attendance. Members who serve as part of their compensated government employment may not receive additional compensation, but the employing governmental entity shall furnish, in accordance with the prevailing per diem rates, a reasonable allowance for travel and other expenses incurred in attending committee meetings.	(b) the state records manager; (c) a representative of the department of administration; (d) two local records custodians, appointed by the director of the Montana historical society; (e) two additional local records custodians, appointed by the secretary of state; and (f) a citizen representing the Montana state genealogical society, appointed by the secretary of state, who shall serve as a volunteer. (3) Committee members subject to appointment shall hold office for a period of 2 years beginning on January 1 of the year following their appointment. (4) Any vacancies must be filled in the same manner that they were filled originally. (5) The committee shall elect a presiding officer and a vice presiding officer. (6) The committee shall meet twice a year upon the call of the secretary of state or the presiding officer. (7) Except as provided in subsection (2)(f), members of the committee not serving as part of their compensated government employment must be compensated in accordance with 2-18-501 through 2-18-503 for each day in committee attendance. Members who serve as part of their compensated government employment may not receive additional compensation, but the employing governmental entity shall furnish, in accordance with the prevailing per diem rates, a reasonable allowance for travel and other expenses incurred in attending committee meetings.	match definitions.
Section 23_22. Local government records committee duties and responsibilities. The local government records committee shall:	2-6-403. Duties and responsibilities. (1) The local government records committee shall approve, modify, or disapprove proposals for local government records retention	Adds a local government records custodian to the destruction subcommittee.

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(1) approve, modify, or disapprove proposals for local	and disposition schedules.	
government records retention and disposition schedules;	(2) The local government records committee shall	Adds a duty to provide
(2) appoint a subcommittee, known as the local	appoint a subcommittee, known as the local government	guidance to local
government records destruction subcommittee, to handle	records destruction subcommittee, to handle requests for	governments regarding
requests for disposal of records. The subcommittee consists of	disposal of records. The subcommittee consists of the state	essential records.
the state archivist, one of the local government records	archivist and a representative of the department of	
custodians managers, and the representative of the	administration. Unless specifically authorized by statute or by	UPDATE: revised terms to
department of administration. Unless specifically authorized by	the retention and disposition schedule, a local government	match definitions.
statute or by the retention and disposition schedule, a local	public record may not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of	
government public record may not be destroyed or otherwise	without the unanimous approval of the subcommittee. When	
disposed of without the unanimous approval of the	approval is required, a request for the disposal or destruction	
subcommittee. When approval is required, a request for the	of any local government records must be submitted to the	
disposal or destruction of any local government records must	subcommittee by the entity concerned. If there is not	
be submitted to the subcommittee by the entity concerned. If	unanimous approval of the subcommittee, the issue of the	
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the local government records committee shall consider the	inclusion of a new category of record for which a disposal	
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request is not required and shall update the schedule as	(3) The local government records committee shall	
necessary.	establish a retention and disposition schedule for categories of	
(3) establish a retention and disposition schedule for	records for which a disposal request is not required. The	
categories of records for which a disposal request is not	committee shall publish the retention and disposition	
required. The committee shall publish the retention and	schedules. Updates to those schedules, if any, must be	
disposition schedules. Updates to those schedules, if any, must	published at least annually.	
be published at least annually.	(4) The committee shall respond to requests for	
(4) develop guidance for local governments to	technical advice on matters relating to local government	
identify, maintain, and secure their essential records;	records.	
(5) respond to requests for technical advice on	(5) The committee shall provide leadership and	
matters relating to local government records; and	coordination in matters affecting the records of multiple local	
(6) provide leadership and coordination in matters	governments.	
affecting the records of multiple local governments.		

Section 24.23. Disposal of local government public records prohibited prior to offering central registry notification. (1) A local government public record more than 10 years old may not be destroyed without it first being offered to the Montana historical society, the state archives, Montana public and private universities and colleges, local historical museums, local historical societies, Montana genealogical groups, and the general public. (2) The availability of a public record to be destroyed must be noticed to the entities listed in subsection (1) at least 60 days prior to disposal. (3) (a) Claimed records must be given to entities in the order of priority listed in subsection (1). (b) All expenses for the removal of claimed records must be paid by the entity claiming the records and claimed pursuant to this section. (c) The local government records committee shall develop and maintain a central registry of the entities identified in subsection (1) who are interested in receiving
notice of the potential destruction of public records pursuant to this section. The registry must be constructed to allow a local government entity to notify the local government records committee when the entity intends to destroy documents records committee to subsequently notify the entities in the registry. A local government entity's notice to the local government records committee to subsequently notify the entities in the registry. A local government entity's notice to the local government records committee to subsequently notify the entities in the registry. A local government entity's notice to the entities listed on the registry fulfills the notification requirements of this section.

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Section 25 24. Definitions. As used in [sections 25 24	2-6-501. Definitions. For the purposes of this part, the	Makes a minor change to
through <u>27_26</u>], the following definitions apply:	following definitions apply:	subsection (4)(b).
(1) "Breach of the security of a data system" or	(1) "Breach of the security of a data system" or	, , , ,
"breach" means the unauthorized acquisition of computerized	"breach" means unauthorized acquisition of computerized	
data that:	data that:	
(a) materially compromises the security,	(a) materially compromises the security,	
confidentiality, or integrity of the personal information	confidentiality, or integrity of the personal information	
maintained by a state agency or by a third party on behalf of a	maintained by a state agency or by a third party on behalf of	
state agency; and	the state agency; and	
(b) causes or is reasonably believed to cause loss or	(b) causes or is reasonably believed to cause loss or	
injury to a person.	injury to a person.	
(2) "Individual" means a human being.	(2) "Individual" means a human being.	
(3) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a	(3) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a	
corporation, an association, or a public organization of any	corporation, an association, or a public organization of any	
character.	character.	
(4) (a) "Personal information" means a first name or	(4) (a) "Personal information" means a first name or	
first initial and last name in combination with any one or more	first initial and last name in combination with any one or more	
of the following data elements when the name and data	of the following data elements when the name and the data	
elements are not encrypted:	elements are not encrypted:	
(i) a social security number or tax identification	(i) a social security number or tax identification	
number;	number;	
(ii) a driver's license number, an identification number	(ii) a driver's license number, an identification number	
issued pursuant to 61-12-501, a tribal identification number or	issued pursuant to 61-12-501, a tribal identification number or	
enrollment number, or a similar identification number issued	enrollment number, or a similar identification number issued	
by any state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of	by any state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of	
Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or American Samoa; or	Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or American Samoa; or	
(iii) an account number or credit or debit card number	(iii) an account number or credit or debit card number	
in combination with any required security code, access code,	in combination with any required security code, access code,	
or password that would permit access to a person's financial	or password that would permit access to a person's financial	
account.	account.	
(b) The term does not include publicly available	(b) The term does not include publicly available	
information from federal, state, local, or tribal government	information that is lawfully made available to the general	
records.	public from federal, state, local, or tribal government records.	
(5) "Redaction" means the alteration of personal	(5) "Redaction" means the alteration of personal	
information contained within data to make all or a significant	information contained within data to make all or a significant	

part of the data unreadable. The term includes truncation, which means that no more than the last four digits of an identification number are accessible as part of the data. (6) (a) "State agency" means an agency, authority, board, bureau, college, commission, committee, council, department, hospital, institution, office, university, or other instrumentality of the legislative or executive branch of state government. The term includes an employee of a state agency acting within the course and scope of employment. (b) The term does not include an entity of the judicial branch. (7) "Third party" means: (a) a person with a contractual obligation to perform a function for a state agency; or (b) a state agency; or (b) a state agency; means an agency, authority, board, bureau, college, commission, committee, council, department, hospital, institution, office, university, or other instrumentality of the legislative or executive branch of state government. The term includes an employee of a state agency acting within the course and scope of employment. (b) The term does not include an entity of the judicial branch. (7) "Third party" means: (a) a person with a contractual or other obligation to perform a function for a state agency; or (b) a state agency with a contractual or other obligation to perform a function for another state agency. Section 26.25. Protection of personal information	BILL DRAFT LANGUAGE	EXISTING STATUTORY LANGUAGE	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES
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information; (b) identify the person or state agency authorized to CIO to grant extensions.			CIO to grant extensions.
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(d) identify circumstances when redaction of personal security numbers is appropriate;			
information is appropriate; (e) dispose of documents that contain social security	·		
(e) dispose of documents that contain personal numbers in a manner consistent with other record retention	···		
information in a manner consistent with other record retention requirements applicable to the state agency;	·		

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requirements applicable to the state agency; (f) eliminate the unnecessary storage of personal information on portable devices; and (g) protect data containing personal information if that data is on a portable device. (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), each state agency that is created after [the effective date of this act] shall complete the requirements of this section within 1 year of its creation. (4) The chief information officer provided for in 2-17-	 (f) eliminate the unnecessary storage of social security numbers on portable devices; and (g) protect data containing social security numbers if that data is on a portable device. (3) Except as provided in 2-6-503, each state agency in existence on October 1, 2009, shall complete the requirements of this section by September 1, 2012. A state agency that is created after October 1, 2009, shall complete the requirements of this section within 1 year of its creation. 	
511 may grant an extension to any state agency subject to the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act provided for in Title 2, chapter 17, part 5. The chief information officer shall inform the information technology board, the office of budget and program planning, and the legislative finance committee of all extensions that are granted and of the rationale for granting the extensions. The chief information officer shall maintain written documentation that identifies the terms and conditions of each extension and the rationale for the extension.	2-6-503. Extensions. The chief information officer provided for in 2-17-511 may grant an extension to any state agency subject to the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act provided for in Title 2, chapter 17, part 5. The chief information officer shall inform the information technology board, the office of budget and program planning, and the legislative finance committee of all extensions that are granted and of the rationale for granting the extensions. The chief information officer shall maintain written documentation that identifies the terms and conditions of each extension and the rationale for the extension.	
Section 27_26. Notification of breach of security of data system. (1) (a) Upon discovery or notification of a breach of the security of a data system, a state agency that maintains computerized data containing personal information in the data system shall make reasonable efforts to notify any person whose unencrypted personal information was or is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. (b) The notification must be made without unreasonable delay, consistent with the legitimate needs of law enforcement as provided in subsection (3) or with any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity of the data system. (2) (a) A third party that receives personal information	2-6-504. Notification of breach of security of data system. (1) (a) Upon discovery or notification of a breach of the security of a data system, a state agency that maintains computerized data containing personal information in the data system shall make reasonable efforts to notify any person whose unencrypted personal information was or is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. (b) The notification must be made without unreasonable delay, consistent with the legitimate needs of law enforcement as provided in subsection (3) or with any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity of the data system. (2) (a) A third party that receives personal information	Minor changes for style.

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from a state agency and maintains that information in a	from a state agency and maintains that information in a	
computerized data system to perform a state agency function shall:	computerized data system in order to perform a state agency function shall:	
(i) notify the state agency immediately following	(i) notify the state agency immediately following	
discovery of the breach if the personal information is	discovery of the breach of the security of a data system if the	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	personal information is reasonably believed to have been	
reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person; and	acquired by an unauthorized person; and	
(ii) make reasonable efforts upon discovery or	(ii) make reasonable efforts upon discovery or	
notification of a breach to notify any person whose	notification of a breach of the security of a data system to	
unencrypted personal information is reasonably believed to	notify any person whose unencrypted personal information is	
have been acquired by an unauthorized person as part of the	reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized	
breach. This notification must be provided in the same manner	person as part of the breach of the security of a data system.	
as the notification required in subsection (1).	This notification must be provided in the same manner as the	
(b) A state agency notified of a breach by a third	notification required in subsection (1).	
party has no independent duty to provide notification of the	(b) A state agency notified of a breach by a third	
breach if the third party has provided notification of the	party has no independent duty to provide notification of the	
breach in the manner required by subsection (2)(a) but shall	breach if the third party has provided notification of the	
provide notification if the third party fails to do so in a	breach in the manner required by subsection (2)(a) but shall	
reasonable time and may recover from the third party its	provide notification if the third party fails to do so in a	
reasonable costs for providing the notice.	reasonable time and may recover from the third party its	
(3) The notification required by this section may be	reasonable costs for providing the notice.	
delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that the	(3) The notification required by this section may be	
notification will impede a criminal investigation and requests a	delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that the	
delay of notification. The notification required by this section	notification will impede a criminal investigation and requests a	
must be made after the law enforcement agency determines	delay of notification. The notification required by this section	
that the notification will not compromise the investigation.	must be made after the law enforcement agency determines	
(4) All state agencies and third parties to whom	that the notification will not compromise the investigation.	
personal information is disclosed by a state agency shall	(4) All state agencies and third parties to whom	
develop and maintain:	personal information is disclosed by a state agency shall	
(a) an information security policy designed to	develop and maintain:	
safeguard personal information; and	(a) an information security policy designed to	
(b) breach notification procedures that provide	safeguard personal information; and	
reasonable notice to individuals as provided in subsections (1)	(b) breach notification procedures that provide	
and (2).	reasonable notice to individuals as provided in subsections (1)	
	and (2).	

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Section 28 27. Custody and reproduction of certain	2-6-111. Custody and reproduction of records by	Updates references updated
records by secretary of state. (1) The secretary of state is	secretary of state. (1) The secretary of state is charged with	and recommends recodifying
charged with the custody of:	the custody of:	in Title 2, Chapter 15, Part 4.
(a) the enrolled copy of the constitution;	(a) the enrolled copy of the constitution;	
(b) all the acts and resolutions passed by the	(b) all the acts and resolutions passed by the	
legislature;	legislature;	
(c) the journals of the legislature;	(c) the journals of the legislature;	
(d) the great seal;	(d) the great seal;	
(e) all books, records, parchments, maps, and papers	(e) all books, records, parchments, maps, and papers	
kept or deposited in the secretary of state's office pursuant to	kept or deposited in the secretary of state's office pursuant to	
law.	law.	
(2) All records included in subsection (1) may be kept	(2) All records included in subsection (1) may be kept	
and reproduced in accordance with rules adopted by the	and reproduced in accordance with rules adopted by the	
secretary of state in consultation with the state records	secretary of state in consultation with the state records	
committee provided for in [Section 15].	committee provided for in 2-6-208.	
(3) The state records committee may approve the	(3) The state records committee created by 2-6-208	
disposal of original records once those records are reproduced	may approve the disposal of original records once those	
as provided for in subsection (2), unless disposal takes the	records are reproduced as provided for in subsection (2),	
form of transfer of records. Reproduction is not necessary for	unless disposal takes the form of transfer of records.	
transferred records. The reproduction or certified copy of a	Reproduction is not necessary for transferred records. The	
record may be used in place of the original for all purposes,	reproduction or certified copy of a record may be used in	
including as evidence in any court or proceeding, and has the	place of the original for all purposes, including as evidence in	
same force and effect as the original record.	any court or proceeding, and has the same force and effect as	
(4) The secretary of state shall prepare enlarged typed	the original record.	
or photographic copies of the records whenever their	(4) The secretary of state shall prepare enlarged typed	
production is required by law.	or photographic copies of the records whenever their	
(5) At least two copies must be made of all records	production is required by law.	
reproduced as provided for in subsection (2). The secretary of	(5) At least two copies must be made of all records	
state shall place one copy in a fireproof storage place and shall	reproduced as provided for in subsection (2). The secretary of	
retain the other copy in the office with suitable equipment for	state shall place one copy in a fireproof storage place and shall	
displaying a record by projection to not less than its original	retain the other copy in the office with suitable equipment for	
size and for preparing copies of the record for persons entitled	displaying a record by projection to not less than its original	
to copies.	size and for preparing copies of the record for persons entitled	
(6) All duplicates of records must be identified and	to copies.	

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indexed.	(6) All duplicates of records must be identified and indexed.	
Section 29_28. Filing and copying fees. (1) The secretary of state shall charge and collect fees for filing and copying services. (2) A member of the legislature or state or county officer may not be charged for any search relative to matters pertaining to the duties of the member's office or for a certified copy of any law or resolution passed by the legislature relative to the member's official duties. (3) The secretary of state may not charge a fee, other than as authorized in [section 4], for providing electronic information. (4) Fees must be collected in advance and, when collected by the secretary of state, are not refundable. (5) Fees authorized by this section must be set and deposited in accordance with 2-15-405.	2-6-103. Filing and copying fees. (1) The secretary of state shall charge and collect fees for filing and copying services. (2) A member of the legislature or state or county officer may not be charged for any search relative to matters appertaining to the duties of the member's office or for a certified copy of any law or resolution passed by the legislature relative to the member's official duties. (3) The secretary of state may not charge a fee, other than the fees authorized in 2-6-110, for providing electronic information. (4) Fees must be collected in advance and, when collected by the secretary of state, are not refundable. (5) Fees authorized by this section must be set and deposited in accordance with 2-15-405.	Updates references and recommends recodifying in Title 2, Chapter 15, Part 4.
NO SECTION INCLUDED IN BILL DRAFT	2-6-105. Removal of public records. Any record, a transcript of which is admissible in evidence, must not be removed from the office where it is kept, except upon the order of a court or judge in cases where the inspection of the record is shown to be essential to the just determination of the cause or proceeding pending or where the court is held in the same building with such office.	Removes this existing section because the work group felt it was outdated and unnecessary to keep in statute, is inherent in the legal hold process, and is duplicative of civil procedure.

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