

SENATE FILE NO. SF0087

Public records preservation.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Anderson, J.D. (SD02) and  
Hastert and Representative(s) Berger,  
Burkhart, Hunt, Miller and Throne

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; prohibiting use of  
2 automatic electronic record deletion software; providing  
3 conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-206 is created to read:

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9 **16-4-206. Automatic deletion of public record**  
10 **electronic communications.**

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12 No custodian of any public record shall use software on any  
13 computer or electronic device which processes information  
14 for communication purposes which contains public records of  
15 any state agency, not including public records of any  
16 political subdivision, which is designed to automatically

1 delete electronic communications without the custodian  
2 making a separate decision about the deletion of each  
3 individual electronic communication.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 16-4-201(a)(viii) is amended to read:

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7 **16-4-201. Definitions.**

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9 (a) As used in this act:

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11 (viii) "This act" means W.S. 16-4-201 through

12 ~~16-4-205~~ 16-4-206;

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2014.

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