

1 H BILL NO. 512  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Mitcay, Eason, Henderson, Hays  
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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12 important transactions and acquisitions, with suggestions  
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15 collections and services.

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3 history of Montana in particular, and generally of the  
4 Pacific Northwest, Northern Rocky Mountain and Northern  
5 Great Plains regions, and of the United States of America  
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8 settlement of Montana, the Indian occupancy, Indian and  
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11 Montana's history, development and society; to gather  
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 226-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 28, 1977, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 512 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 512 is an act to provide an efficient centralized records retention and destruction program within the Historical Society for all official records.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

TECHNICAL NOTE:

There appears to be no requirement to amend Section 44-523, R.C.M. 1947, to establish and operate a state archives for the purpose of managing official records. A state archives was created under Section 82-3208, R.C.M. 1947, and the language specifies the duties of the state archivist.

*Richard L. Drayton*  
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-1-77

Approved by Committee  
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25 or -- art -- objects -- and -- use -- the -- money -- arising -- from -- such -- sales -- for

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3 {6}--to--sell--or--exchange--surplus--or--duplicate--books,  
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5 the--region--encompassed--by--the--Montana--historical--society  
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State Administration Committee

That House Bill No. 512, third reading, be amended as follows:

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Following: "THE"

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20 (3) An outgoing official, in consultation with staff  
 21 members of the Montana historical society, shall review his  
 22 official records and isolate any items of a purely personal  
 23 nature. Such personal papers are not subject to this act but  
 24 they may be deposited with the official papers, at the  
 25 official's discretion.

1 (4) An outgoing official, in consultation with staff  
 2 members of the Montana historical society, may restrict  
 3 access to certain segments of his official records. No  
 4 restrictions may be longer than the lifetime of the  
 5 depositing official. Restricted access may be imposed only  
 6 to protect the confidentiality of personal information  
 7 contained in the records. Restricted access may not be  
 8 imposed unless the demand of individual privacy clearly  
 9 exceeds the merits of public disclosure.

10 (5) ANY QUESTION CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OR OTHER  
 11 STATUS OF OFFICIAL RECORDS ARISING BETWEEN THE STATE  
 12 ARCHIVES AND AN ELECTED OFFICIAL'S OFFICE SHALL BE DECIDED  
 13 BY A 3/4 VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

14 ~~Section 5. Section 44-523, R.S.M. 1947, is amended to~~  
 15 ~~read as follows:~~

16 ~~"44-523. Powers and duties of trustees. The powers~~  
 17 ~~and duties of the trustees are as follows:~~

18 ~~(1) To elect annually from among their number a~~  
 19 ~~president, a vice-president, and a secretary;~~

20 ~~(2) To adopt bylaws for their own government, and to~~  
 21 ~~make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for~~  
 22 ~~the proper administration of the society in the interests of~~  
 23 ~~preserving the rich heritage of this state and its people;~~

24 ~~(3) To appoint a director, fix his salary, and~~  
 25 ~~prescribe his duties and responsibilities.~~

1 ~~{4}--To--create--such--classes--of--memberships--in--the~~  
 2 ~~society--as--they--deem--desirable--to--determine--the~~  
 3 ~~qualifications--for--any--class--of--memberships--and--to--set--the~~  
 4 ~~fees--to--be--paid--for--such--memberships.~~

5 ~~{5}--To--sell--or--exchange--publications--and--other--museum~~  
 6 ~~or--art--objects--and--use--the--money--arising--from--such--sales--for~~  
 7 ~~the--operation--of--the--society--and--for--the--acquisition--of~~  
 8 ~~historical--materials--and--objects--of--art.~~

9 ~~{6}--To--sell--or--exchange--surplus--or--duplicate--books~~  
 10 ~~surplus--museum--or--art--objects--or--artifacts--not--pertinent--to~~  
 11 ~~the--region--encompassed--by--the--Montana--historical--society~~  
 12 ~~mission--and--to--use--the--money--arising--from--such--sales~~  
 13 ~~exclusively--for--acquisitions--of--library--art--and--museum~~  
 14 ~~artifacts.~~

15 ~~{7}--To--see--that--the--collections--and--properties--of--the~~  
 16 ~~society--are--maintained--in--good--order--and--repair.~~

17 ~~{8}--To--report--to--the--governor--and--the--legislature~~  
 18 ~~biennially--The--report--shall--include--a--statement--of--all~~  
 19 ~~important--transactions--and--acquisitions--with--suggestions~~  
 20 ~~and--recommendations--for--the--better--realization--of--the~~  
 21 ~~purposes--of--the--society--and--the--improvement--of--its~~  
 22 ~~collections--and--services.~~

23 ~~{9}--To--accept--receive--and--administer--in--the--name--of~~  
 24 ~~the--society--any--gifts--donations--properties--securities~~  
 25 ~~bequests--and--legacies--that--may--be--made--to--the--society.~~

1 ~~Moneys--received--by--donation--gift--bequest--or--legacy--unless~~  
 2 ~~otherwise--provided--by--the--donor--shall--be--deposited--in--the~~  
 3 ~~state--treasury--and--used--for--the--general--operation--of--the~~  
 4 ~~society.~~

5 ~~{10}--To--collect--assemble--preserve--and--display--where~~  
 6 ~~appropriately--all--obtainable--books--pamphlets--maps--charts~~  
 7 ~~manuscripts--journals--diaries--papers--business--records~~  
 8 ~~paintings--drawings--engravings--photographs--statuary~~  
 9 ~~models--relics--and--all--other--materials--illustrative--of--the~~  
 10 ~~history--of--Montana--in--particular--and--generally--of--the~~  
 11 ~~Pacific--Northwest--Northern--Rocky--Mountain--and--Northern~~  
 12 ~~Great--Plains--regions--and--of--the--United--States--of--America~~  
 13 ~~when--pertinent--to--procure--from--pioneers--early--settlers--and~~  
 14 ~~others--narratives--of--the--events--relative--to--the--early~~  
 15 ~~settlement--of--Montana--the--Indian--occupancy--Indian--and~~  
 16 ~~other--wars--overland--travel--and--immigration--to--the~~  
 17 ~~territories--of--the--west--and--all--other--related--documents--of~~  
 18 ~~Montana's--history--development--and--society--to--gather~~  
 19 ~~contemporary--information--specimens--and--all--other--materials~~  
 20 ~~which--exhibit--faithfully--the--distinctive--historical--and~~  
 21 ~~contemporary--characteristics--of--the--area--with--particular~~  
 22 ~~attention--to--Indian--military--and--pioneer--artifacts--and~~  
 23 ~~implements--to--collect--and--preserve--such--natural--history~~  
 24 ~~objects--as--fossils--plants--minerals--and--animals--to--collect~~  
 25 ~~and--preserve--books--maps--manuscripts--and--other--materials--as~~

1 ~~will tend to facilitate historical scientific and~~  
2 ~~antiquarian research; to promote the study of Montana~~  
3 ~~history by lectures and publications; to generally foster~~  
4 ~~and encourage the fine arts and cultural activities in~~  
5 ~~Montana; to receive for and on behalf of the state by~~  
6 ~~donation or otherwise art objects of any kind and~~  
7 ~~description and to exhibit and circulate such objects in~~  
8 ~~Montana and elsewhere; and to microfilm papers or documents~~  
9 ~~in danger of disappearance or injury;~~  
10 ~~(iii) To establish and operate a state archives for the~~  
11 ~~purpose of managing official records."~~

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