



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7211

LCO No. 4379



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL
RECORDS AND ACCESS TO RESTRICTED RECORDS IN THE STATE
ARCHIVES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Any record transferred to
2 the state archives established in section 11-1c of the general statutes
3 that the State Archivist determines to be a record of historical value
4 shall be retained for posterity and title to such record shall vest in the
5 state archives.
- 6 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019, and applicable to requests to*
7 *inspect records made on or after said date*) (a) For the purposes of this
8 section:
- 9 (1) "Public record" has the same meaning as "public record or file" in
10 section 1-200 of the general statutes; and
- 11 (2) "State archives" has the same meaning as described in section 11-
12 1c of the general statutes.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes providing
14 that a particular public record is confidential, and except as provided
15 in subsection (c) of this section, any person may inspect any such
16 record contained in the state archives if such record was created fifty
17 years or more prior to the date of the request to inspect such record.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes providing
19 that a particular public record is confidential, if the public record is
20 contained in the state archives and relates to a natural person, any
21 person may inspect such record if (1) such record was created fifty
22 years or more prior to the date of the request to inspect such record, or
23 (2) the date of the request to inspect such record occurs fifty years or
24 more after the death of the person who is the subject of such record,
25 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019, and applicable to requests to inspect records made on or after said date</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the preservation of records of historical value and to lift restrictions on access to public records contained in the state archives after a certain amount of time has passed.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]