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Senator Shope

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 39-101, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 39-101, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 39-101. Permanent public records; quality; storage; compliant
5 digital copy; violation; classification

6 A. Permanent public records of ~~the~~ THIS state, a county, city or
7 town, or ~~other~~ ANOTHER political subdivision of ~~the~~ THIS state, shall be
8 transcribed or kept on paper, A DIGITAL MEDIUM or ~~other~~ ANOTHER material
9 ~~which~~ THAT is of durable or permanent quality and ~~which~~ THAT conforms to
10 standards established by the director of the Arizona state library,
11 archives and public records. ANY DIGITAL MEDIUM THAT CONFORMS TO THE
12 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY,
13 ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS IS CONSIDERED OF DURABLE OR PERMANENT QUALITY.

14 B. Permanent public records THAT ARE transcribed or kept as
15 provided in subsection A OF THIS SECTION shall be stored and maintained
16 according to standards for the storage of permanent public records
17 established by the director of the Arizona state library, archives and
18 public records.

19 C. A PUBLIC OFFICER WHO IS CHARGED WITH TRANSCRIBING OR KEEPING
20 PUBLIC RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY DESTROY A PUBLIC RECORD THAT
21 IS ON PAPER OR ANOTHER MATERIAL ONLY AFTER CREATING A COMPLIANT DIGITAL
22 PUBLIC RECORD THAT RECEIVES PROPER CERTIFICATION AND AFTER COMPLETING ANY
23 REQUIRED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

24 ~~e.~~ D. A public officer WHO IS charged with transcribing or keeping
25 ~~such~~ public records PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND who violates this section
26 is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.