

Project background: preserving legislative digital records

**National Digital Information Infrastructure
and Preservation Program**

Today

- Informal
- Review of the issues
- Update on progress and products
- Discussion of next steps

From paper to digital

- COOP, disaster recovery
- Legal framework – records laws, litigation, discovery
- Increased public attention and expectations
- Complexity of systems – email, RMA, web, web 2.0
- Costs
- Lack of a good model

Legal framework

"The current law is just completely unhelpful. The Legislature has to get to this. ... it'll be messy and quite ungratifying, but it has to be done."

Minneapolis Star-Tribune

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Conceptual framework

- Access
- Guidelines and standards
- Outreach, education, promotion
- Collaboration
- Sustainable: business case

Project partners

- MN
- CA, KS
- CDL
- NCSL
- IL, MS, TN, VT
- ThomsonReuters and private sector
- Extension?

Partners: unique and appropriate

- Audiences
- Mission
- Priorities
- Initiatives
- Capacity
- Resources

Kansas

- Sharing content
- E-democracy and citizen engagement
- Comprehensive hardware and software solution: collaborative and modular
- Retrospective digitization
- KEEP

KEEP vision

- The Keep Archives Project will provide an enterprise-wide, trustworthy, digital repository for government electronic records with enduring value for Kansas agencies. The digital repository will provide public access to authentic records to support e-Democracy, accountability and transparency in government.

KEEP vision 2

- be built on national and international standards for trustworthy digital repositories;
- house authentic electronic records;
- capture those records as close to the moment of creation as possible;
- capture as much metadata automatically as possible;
- provide for future migration of the records to provide preservation and access over time;

KEEP vision 3

- maintain the records in a secure environment;
- provide access to authorized users, with the ability to redact or restrict access based on statute or regulation;
- provide a method for the State Archivist to certify the authenticity of the records in the system;
- develop a fee based funding source help defray the cost of preserving authentic electronic records;
- improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of access to authentic government records.

Process

- NCSL meetings
- State meetings
- Constituency meetings
- XML meetings
- Technology planning
- All partners' meetings

First steps

- Authenticity – options
- Accessibility – mandates
- Preservation – education
- Context – digitization
- Access – batch, context
- Technology – XML, web harvesting
- Sustainability – archival niche

Project outcomes

- Capture, preserve and provide access to “at-risk” digital content from state legislatures
- Test the model in MN
- Determine capacity of other states to adapt the model
- Promote the results through education and outreach
- Connect to national cyberinfrastructure

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