Preserving state
government digital information

National Digital Information
Infrastructure and Preservation Program

Minnesota Historical Society
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
Conceptual framework

• Access
• Data consultancies
• Guidelines and standards
• Outreach, education, promotion
• Collaboration
• Larger context
Project partners

• MN
• CA
• CDL
• NCSL
• IL, KS, MS, TN, VT
Partners: unique and appropriate

- Audiences
- Mission
- Priorities
- Initiatives
- Capacity
- Resources
Goals: California

• Core schema
• Authentication (legal framework for preservation and access)
• Accessibility
• Access pilot
• Web harvesting (CDL project)
• Optimal conditions for preservation (content creation standards)
Goals: Kansas

• Core schema: sharing content
• E-democracy: and citizen engagement
• Comprehensive hardware and software solution: collaborative and modular
• Policy issues
• Retrospective digitization: standards
Goals: Vermont

- Core schema: recordkeeping metadata and XML
- Policy issues: authentication, accessibility
- Retrospective digitization: standards
- Preservation vs. storage (disaster recovery, continuity of operations)
- Web harvesting
Goals: Mississippi

- Core schema: web presentation and recordkeeping metadata
- Policy issues
- Preservation
Underway

• NCSL meetings
• State meetings
• Preservation routine
• Policy issues: authentication and accessibility white papers
Today

• Review experiences with XML and the legislatures
• Identify the functions to support (preservation? discovery?)
• Begin the process of identifying some core schema
• Define the next steps
Further information

Web site:
http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/records/legislativerecords/

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