

## CHAPTER 138

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES; SITES; ARCHIVES;  
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138.17 Government records; administration.

138.911 Minnesota Humanities Commission.

**138.17 GOVERNMENT RECORDS; ADMINISTRATION.***[For text of subs 1 to 9, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 10. **Optical image storage.** (a) Any government record, including a record with archival value, may be transferred to and stored on a nonerasable optical imaging system and retained only in that format, if the requirements of this section are met.

(b) All documents preserved on nonerasable optical imaging systems must meet standards for permanent records specified in section 15.17, subdivision 1, and must be kept available for retrieval so long as any law requires. Standards under section 15.17, subdivision 1, may not be inconsistent with efficient use of optical imaging systems.

(c) A government entity storing a record on an optical imaging system shall create and store a backup copy of the record at a site other than the site where the original is kept. The government entity shall retain the backup copy and operable retrieval equipment so long as any law requires the original to be retained. The backup copy required by this paragraph must be preserved either (1) on a nonerasable optical imaging system; or (2) by another reproduction method approved by the records disposition panel.

(d) All contracts for the purchase of optical imaging systems used pursuant to this chapter shall contain terms that insure continued retrievability of the optically stored images and conform to any guidelines that may be established by the Office of Enterprise Technology of the Department of Administration for perpetuation of access to stored data.

**History:** 2005 c 156 art 5 s 23**138.911 MINNESOTA HUMANITIES COMMISSION.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Minnesota Humanities Commission, a nonprofit organization, is established to advance the study of the humanities and enhance the work of schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.

Subd. 2. **Reports.** The Minnesota Humanities Commission shall report to the legislature by September 1 of each year on the use of state funds appropriated to the commission. The report shall include an itemized account of the programs and projects supported and the source of money for each. The report shall show actual expenditures for the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30 and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year beginning the preceding July 1.

Subd. 3. **Humanities center.** (a) The Minnesota Humanities Commission may establish a humanities center to ensure balance in public education and in the cultural life of the state, and to improve humanities education through the establishment of two institutes: the Minnesota Institute for Lifelong Learning and the Minnesota Institute for the Advancement of Teaching.

(b) The humanities center may transport people and resources to small towns, rural communities, and urban settings to provide grants, technical assistance, and high-quality educational and cultural programs to schools and community organizations throughout Minnesota.

(c) The Minnesota Institute for the Advancement of Teaching may conduct seminars and other activities for the recognition of the teaching profession and the advancement of teaching in Minnesota.

**History:** 1Sp2005 c 5 art 2 s 78