



State Microfilming Program

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The law provides that the State Library and Archives is charged with providing trained staff and appropriate equipment necessary to produce and store microfilm reproductions of official, permanent value bound volume records created by county and municipal governments.

To implement this security microfilming program, the state librarian and archivist are authorized to develop a priority listing of essential records based on retention schedules developed by the UT County Technical Assistance Service and the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service. This priority listing of essential records may be revised from time to time to accommodate critical needs in individual counties or municipalities or to reflect changes in retention schedules. The camera negative of the microfilmed records shall be stored in the security vault at the State Library and Archives, and duplicate rolls of these microfilmed records shall be made available to county and municipal governments on a cost basis. ^[1]

[1] T.C.A. § 10-7-511.

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