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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1608

5 By: Representative Rose
6 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF
10 PUBLIC RECORDS AND ARCHIVES; TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF
11 THE ARKANSAS STATE ARCHIVES PRIOR TO THE DESTRUCTION
12 OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 ARCHIVES; AND TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE
19 ARKANSAS STATE ARCHIVES PRIOR TO THE
20 DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-4-204(a), concerning destruction of an
25 original document, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) When any document is recorded by the means prescribed by § 13-4-
27 201, the paper original may be destroyed unless the document is over fifty
28 (50) years old and handwritten ~~or~~ and has been determined to be of historical
29 value by the Arkansas State Archives.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-4-301(b)(1), concerning retention and
32 destruction of county records, is amended to read as follows:

33 (b)(1) If a record is photographically or electronically transferred
34 to other media of a permanent nature, the original documents may be
35 destroyed, except that no handwritten records over fifty (50) years old shall
36 be destroyed without the consultation and approval of the Arkansas State



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