

45-403. Government records are public property; destruction prohibited, except as permitted by retention and disposition schedules. (a) All government records made or received by and all government records coming into the custody, control or possession of a state or local agency, in the course of its public duties, and all government records deposited in the state archives, shall be public property and shall not be mutilated, destroyed, transferred, removed, damaged or otherwise disposed of, in whole or in part, except as provided by law, or as may be authorized in the retention and disposition schedules.

(b) Authority for the disposition of records on a continuing basis approved for state agencies by the state records board, or for county officers by the state archivist, prior to adoption of this act shall be null and void, after adoption of the appropriate retention and disposition schedules.

History: L. 1981, ch. 331, § 3; July 1.