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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

A bill for an act

relating to state government; establishing Preservation of State Documents Act; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16E.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[16E.0355] PRESERVATION OF STATE DOCUMENTS ACT.**

Effective July 1, 2008, all documents including text, spreadsheets, and presentations of the state of Minnesota shall be created, exchanged, maintained, and preserved in an open, XML-based file format, as specified by the chief information office of the state, that is:

(1) interoperable among diverse internal and external platforms and applications;

(2) fully published and available royalty-free;

(3) implemented by multiple vendors; and

(4) controlled by an open industry organization with a well-defined inclusive process for evolution of the standard. By that date, the state of Minnesota shall be able to accept all documents received in open document format for office applications and shall not migrate to a file format currently used by only one organization.