An Act relating to the preservation of essential public documents of the state of Washington; and imposing a fee upon the filing of certain documents with the secretary of state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. In order to provide for the continuity and preservation of civil government, each elected and appointed officer of the state shall designate those public documents which are essential records of his office and shall transmit the original or a copy of such document to the state archivist for reproduction by microfilm or other miniature photographic process.
Sec. 2. The state archivist is authorized to reproduce those documents designated as essential records by the several elected and appointed officials of the state by microfilm or other miniature photographic process and to assist and cooperate in the storage and safeguarding of such reproductions in such place as is recommended by the state director of civil defense. The state archivist is authorized to charge the several departments of the state government the actual cost incurred in reproducing such documents: Provided, That nothing herein shall authorize the destruction of the originals of such documents after reproduction thereof.

Sec. 3. On each of the documents for which a fee is provided in RCW 43.07.120, the secretary of state shall collect an additional fee of ten cents to be known as and referred to as a preservation of documents fee.

All fees herein enumerated must be collected in advance.

Passed the House March 12, 1963.
Passed the Senate March 11, 1962.
Approved by the Governor March 26, 1963, with the exception of Section 3, which was vetoed.

NOTE: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"House Bill No. 33 requires elected and appointed state officers to designate those public documents which are essential records and requires these officials to transmit such documents to the State Archivist for reproduction by microfilm or other miniature photographic process.

"Section 3 requires the Secretary of State to collect in advance an additional fee of ten cents on all documents for which a filing fee is required in his office. The Secretary of State has pointed out to me that the requirement of the payment of the additional fee will create widespread confusion and force the return of thousands of filings at great inconvenience and expense. I believe the point of view of the Secretary of State is well taken and for this reason, Section 3 of House Bill No. 33 is vetoed and the remainder is approved."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,
Governor.