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AN ACT

To amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of
4 2014”.

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
6 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Presidential records.
- Sec. 3. National Archives and Records Administration.
- Sec. 4. Records management by Federal agencies.
- Sec. 5. Disposal of records.
- Sec. 6. Procedures to prevent unauthorized removal of classified records from
National Archives.
- Sec. 7. Repeal of provisions related to the National Study Commission on
Records and Documents of Federal Officials.
- Sec. 8. Pronoun amendments.
- Sec. 9. Records management by the Archivist.
- Sec. 10. Disclosure requirement for official business conducted using non-offi-
cial electronic messaging account.

7 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS.**

8 (a) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS
9 OF CONSTITUTIONALLY BASED PRIVILEGE AGAINST DIS-
10 CLOSURE.—

11 (1) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 22 of title 44,
12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
13 end the following:

14 **“§ 2208. Claims of constitutionally based privilege**
15 **against disclosure**

16 “(a)(1) When the Archivist determines under this
17 chapter to make available to the public any Presidential
18 record that has not previously been made available to the
19 public, the Archivist shall—

1 “(A) promptly provide notice of such deter-
2 mination to—

3 “(i) the former President during whose
4 term of office the record was created; and

5 “(ii) the incumbent President; and

6 “(B) make the notice available to the public.

7 “(2) The notice under paragraph (1)—

8 “(A) shall be in writing; and

9 “(B) shall include such information as may be
10 prescribed in regulations issued by the Archivist.

11 “(3)(A) Upon the expiration of the 60-day period (ex-
12 cepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) be-
13 ginning on the date the Archivist provides notice under
14 paragraph (1)(A), the Archivist shall make available to the
15 public the Presidential record covered by the notice, except
16 any record (or reasonably segregable part of a record) with
17 respect to which the Archivist receives from a former
18 President or the incumbent President notification of a
19 claim of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure
20 under subsection (b).

21 “(B) A former President or the incumbent President
22 may extend the period under subparagraph (A) once for
23 not more than 30 additional days (excepting Saturdays,
24 Sundays, and legal public holidays) by filing with the Ar-

1 chivist a statement that such an extension is necessary
2 to allow an adequate review of the record.

3 “(C) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), if
4 the 60-day period under subparagraph (A), or any exten-
5 sion of that period under subparagraph (B), would other-
6 wise expire during the 6-month period after the incumbent
7 President first takes office, then that 60-day period or ex-
8 tension, respectively, shall expire at the end of that 6-
9 month period.

10 “(b)(1) For purposes of this section, the decision to
11 assert any claim of constitutionally based privilege against
12 disclosure of a Presidential record (or reasonably seg-
13 regable part of a record) must be made personally by a
14 former President or the incumbent President, as applica-
15 ble.

16 “(2) A former President or the incumbent President
17 shall notify the Archivist, the Committee on Oversight and
18 Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and
19 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
20 Affairs of the Senate of a privilege claim under paragraph
21 (1) on the same day that the claim is asserted under such
22 paragraph.

23 “(c)(1) If a claim of constitutionally based privilege
24 against disclosure of a Presidential record (or reasonably
25 segregable part of a record) is asserted under subsection

1 (b) by a former President, the Archivist shall consult with
2 the incumbent President, as soon as practicable during the
3 period specified in paragraph (2)(A), to determine whether
4 the incumbent President will uphold the claim asserted by
5 the former President.

6 “(2)(A) Not later than the end of the 30-day period
7 beginning on the date of which the Archivist receives noti-
8 fication from a former President of the assertion of a
9 claim of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure,
10 the Archivist shall provide notice to the former President
11 and the public of the decision of the incumbent President
12 under paragraph (1) regarding the claim.

13 “(B) If the incumbent President upholds the claim
14 of privilege asserted by the former President, the Archivist
15 shall not make the Presidential record (or reasonably seg-
16 regable part of a record) subject to the claim publicly
17 available unless—

18 “(i) the incumbent President withdraws the de-
19 cision upholding the claim of privilege asserted by
20 the former President; or

21 “(ii) the Archivist is otherwise directed by a
22 final court order that is not subject to appeal.

23 “(C) If the incumbent President determines not to
24 uphold the claim of privilege asserted by the former Presi-
25 dent, or fails to make the determination under paragraph

1 (1) before the end of the period specified in subparagraph
2 (A), the Archivist shall release the Presidential record sub-
3 ject to the claim at the end of the 90-day period beginning
4 on the date on which the Archivist received notification
5 of the claim, unless otherwise directed by a court order
6 in an action initiated by the former President under sec-
7 tion 2204(e) of this title or by a court order in another
8 action in any Federal court.

9 “(d) The Archivist shall not make publicly available
10 a Presidential record (or reasonably segregable part of a
11 record) that is subject to a privilege claim asserted by the
12 incumbent President unless—

13 “(1) the incumbent President withdraws the
14 privilege claim; or

15 “(2) the Archivist is otherwise directed by a
16 final court order that is not subject to appeal.

17 “(e) The Archivist shall adjust any otherwise applica-
18 ble time period under this section as necessary to comply
19 with the return date of any congressional subpoena, judi-
20 cial subpoena, or judicial process.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section
22 2204(d) of title 44, United States Code, is amended
23 by inserting “, except section 2208,” after “chap-
24 ter”.

1 (B) Section 2205 of title 44, United States
2 Code, is amended—

3 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
4 by striking “section 2204” and inserting “sec-
5 tions 2204 and 2208 of this title”; and

6 (ii) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “sub-
7 pena” and inserting “subpoena”.

8 (C) Section 2207 of title 44, United States
9 Code, is amended in the second sentence by insert-
10 ing “, except section 2208,” after “chapter”.

11 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
12 tions at the beginning of chapter 22 of title 44,
13 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
14 end the following:

“2208. Claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure.”.

15 (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
16 amendment made by paragraph (2)(C) shall be con-
17 strued to—

18 (A) affect the requirement of section 2207
19 of title 44, United States Code, that Vice Presi-
20 dential records shall be subject to chapter 22 of
21 that title in the same manner as Presidential
22 records; or

23 (B) affect any claim of constitutionally
24 based privilege by a President or former Presi-
25 dent with respect to a Vice Presidential record.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2201 of title 44, United
2 States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) by striking “memorandums” and in-
5 serting “memoranda”;

6 (B) by striking “audio, audiovisual” and
7 inserting “audio and visual records”; and

8 (C) by inserting “, whether in analog, dig-
9 ital, or any other form” after “mechanical
10 recordations”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “advise and
12 assist” and inserting “advise or assist”.

13 (c) MANAGEMENT AND CUSTODY OF PRESIDENTIAL
14 RECORDS.—Section 2203 of title 44, United States Code,
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “maintained”
17 and inserting “preserved and maintained”;

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “advise and
19 assist” and inserting “advise or assist”;

20 (3) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
21 section (g);

22 (4) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
23 lowing new subsection:

24 “(f) During a President’s term of office, the Archivist
25 may maintain and preserve Presidential records on behalf

1 of the President, including records in digital or electronic
2 form. The President shall remain exclusively responsible
3 for custody, control, and access to such Presidential
4 records. The Archivist may not disclose any such records,
5 except under direction of the President, until the conclu-
6 sion of a President's term of office, if a President serves
7 consecutive terms upon the conclusion of the last term,
8 or such other period provided for under section 2204 of
9 this title.”; and

10 (5) in subsection (g)(1), as so redesignated, by
11 striking “Act” and inserting “chapter”.

12 (d) RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO PRESIDENTIAL
13 RECORDS.—Section 2204 of title 44, United States Code,
14 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(f) The Archivist shall not make available any origi-
17 nal Presidential records to any individual claiming access
18 to any Presidential record as a designated representative
19 under section 2205(3) of this title if that individual has
20 been convicted of a crime relating to the review, retention,
21 removal, or destruction of records of the Archives.”.

22 (e) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICIAL BUSI-
23 NESS CONDUCTED USING NON-OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC
24 MESSAGING ACCOUNT.—

1 (1) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 22 of title 44,
2 United States Code, as amended by subsection
3 (a)(1), is further amended by adding at the end the
4 following new section:

5 **“§ 2209. Disclosure requirement for official business**
6 **conducted using non-official electronic**
7 **messaging accounts**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An officer or employee of an ex-
9 ecutive agency may not create or send a Presidential
10 record using a non-official electronic messaging account
11 unless such officer or employee—

12 “(1) copies an official electronic messaging ac-
13 count of the officer or employee in the original cre-
14 ation or transmission of the Presidential record; or

15 “(2) forwards a complete copy of the Presi-
16 dential record to an official electronic messaging ac-
17 count of the officer or employee within five days
18 after the original creation or transmission of the
19 Presidential record.

20 “(b) ADVERSE ACTIONS.—The intentional violation
21 of subsection (a) (including any rules, regulations, or other
22 implementing guidelines), as determined by the appro-
23 priate supervisor, shall be a basis for disciplinary action
24 in accordance with subchapter I, II, or V of chapter 75
25 of title 5, as the case may be.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) ELECTRONIC MESSAGES.—The term ‘elec-
3 tronic messages’ means electronic mail and other
4 electronic messaging systems that are used for pur-
5 poses of communicating between individuals.

6 “(2) ELECTRONIC MESSAGING ACCOUNT.—The
7 term ‘electronic messaging account’ means any ac-
8 count that sends electronic messages.

9 “(3) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term ‘executive
10 agency’ has the meaning given that term in section
11 105 of title 5.”.

12 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
13 tions at the beginning of chapter 22 of title 44,
14 United States Code, as amended by subsection
15 (a)(3), is further amended by adding at the end the
16 following new item:

“2209. Disclosure requirement for official business conducted using non-official
electronic messaging accounts.”.

17 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRA-**
18 **TION.**

19 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF RECORDS FOR HISTORICAL
20 PRESERVATION.—Section 2107 of title 44, United States
21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 2107. Acceptance of records for historical preser-**
2 **vation**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—When it appears to the Archivist
4 to be in the public interest, the Archivist may—

5 “(1) accept for deposit with the National Ar-
6 chives of the United States the records of a Federal
7 agency, the Congress, the Architect of the Capitol,
8 or the Supreme Court determined by the Archivist
9 to have sufficient historical or other value to warrant
10 their continued preservation by the United States
11 Government;

12 “(2) direct and effect the transfer of records of
13 a Federal agency determined by the Archivist to
14 have sufficient historical or other value to warrant
15 their continued preservation by the United States
16 Government to the National Archives of the United
17 States, as soon as practicable, and at a time mutu-
18 ally agreed upon by the Archivist and the head of
19 that Federal agency not later than thirty years after
20 such records were created or received by that agen-
21 cy, unless the head of such agency has certified in
22 writing to the Archivist that such records must be
23 retained in the custody of such agency for use in the
24 conduct of the regular business of the agency;

25 “(3) direct and effect, with the approval of the
26 head of the originating Federal agency, or if the ex-

1 istence of the agency has been terminated, with the
2 approval of the head of that agency's successor in
3 function, if any, the transfer of records, deposited or
4 approved for deposit with the National Archives of
5 the United States to public or educational institu-
6 tions or associations; title to the records to remain
7 vested in the United States unless otherwise author-
8 ized by Congress; and

9 “(4) transfer materials from private sources au-
10 thorized to be received by the Archivist by section
11 2111 of this title.

12 “(b) EARLY TRANSFER OF RECORDS.—The Archi-
13 vist—

14 “(1) in consultation with the head of the origi-
15 nating Federal agency, is authorized to accept a
16 copy of the records described in subsection (a)(2)
17 that have been in existence for less than thirty
18 years; and

19 “(2) may not disclose any such records until
20 the expiration of—

21 “(A) the thirty-year period described in
22 paragraph (1);

23 “(B) any longer period established by the
24 Archivist by order; or

1 “(C) any shorter period agreed to by the
2 originating Federal agency.”.

3 (b) MATERIAL ACCEPTED FOR DEPOSIT.—Section
4 2111 of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 **“§ 2111. Material accepted for deposit**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—When the Archivist considers it
8 to be in the public interest the Archivist may accept for
9 deposit—

10 “(1) the papers and other historical materials
11 of a President or former President of the United
12 States, or other official or former official of the Gov-
13 ernment, and other papers relating to and contem-
14 porary with a President or former President of the
15 United States, subject to restrictions agreeable to
16 the Archivist as to their use; and

17 “(2) recorded information (as such term is de-
18 fined in section 3301(a)(2) of this title) from private
19 sources that are appropriate for preservation by the
20 Government as evidence of its organization, func-
21 tions, policies, decisions, procedures, and trans-
22 actions.

23 “(b) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply in the
24 case of any Presidential records which are subject to the
25 provisions of chapter 22 of this title.”.

1 (c) PRESERVATION OF AUDIO AND VISUAL
2 RECORDS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2114 of title 44,
4 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 2114. Preservation of audio and visual records**

6 “The Archivist may make and preserve audio and vis-
7 ual records, including motion-picture films, still photo-
8 graphs, and sound recordings, in analog, digital, or any
9 other form, pertaining to and illustrative of the historical
10 development of the United States Government and its ac-
11 tivities, and provide for preparing, editing, titling, scoring,
12 processing, duplicating, reproducing, exhibiting, and re-
13 leasing for non-profit educational purposes, motion-picture
14 films, still photographs, and sound recordings in the Ar-
15 chivist’s custody.”.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions at the beginning of chapter 21 of title 44,
18 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
19 for section 2114 and inserting the following:

“2114. Preservation of audio and visual records.”.

20 (d) LEGAL STATUS OF REPRODUCTIONS; OFFICIAL
21 SEAL; FEES FOR COPIES AND REPRODUCTIONS.—Section
22 2116(a) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by
23 inserting “digital,” after “microphotographic,” each place
24 it appears.

1 **SEC. 4. RECORDS MANAGEMENT BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

2 Section 3106 of title 44, United States Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 3106. Unlawful removal, destruction of records**

5 “(a) **FEDERAL AGENCY NOTIFICATION.**—The head
6 of each Federal agency shall notify the Archivist of any
7 actual, impending, or threatened unlawful removal, defac-
8 ing, alteration, corruption, deletion, erasure, or other de-
9 struction of records in the custody of the agency, and with
10 the assistance of the Archivist shall initiate action through
11 the Attorney General for the recovery of records the head
12 of the Federal agency knows or has reason to believe have
13 been unlawfully removed from that agency, or from an-
14 other Federal agency whose records have been transferred
15 to the legal custody of that Federal agency.

16 “(b) **ARCHIVIST NOTIFICATION.**—In any case in
17 which the head of a Federal agency does not initiate an
18 action for such recovery or other redress within a reason-
19 able period of time after being notified of any such unlaw-
20 ful action described in subsection (a), or is participating
21 in, or believed to be participating in any such unlawful
22 action, the Archivist shall request the Attorney General
23 to initiate such an action, and shall notify the Congress
24 when such a request has been made.”.

1 **SEC. 5. DISPOSAL OF RECORDS.**

2 (a) DEFINITION OF RECORDS.—Section 3301 of title
3 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 3301. Definition of records**

5 “(a) RECORDS DEFINED.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As used in this chapter, the
7 term ‘records’—

8 “(A) includes all recorded information, re-
9 gardless of form or characteristics, made or re-
10 ceived by a Federal agency under Federal law
11 or in connection with the transaction of public
12 business and preserved or appropriate for pres-
13 ervation by that agency or its legitimate suc-
14 cessor as evidence of the organization, func-
15 tions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations,
16 or other activities of the United States Govern-
17 ment or because of the informational value of
18 data in them; and

19 “(B) does not include—

20 “(i) library and museum material
21 made or acquired and preserved solely for
22 reference or exhibition purposes; or

23 “(ii) duplicate copies of records pre-
24 served only for convenience.

25 “(2) RECORDED INFORMATION DEFINED.—For
26 purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘recorded infor-

1 mation’ includes all traditional forms of records, re-
2 gardless of physical form or characteristics, includ-
3 ing information created, manipulated, commu-
4 nicated, or stored in digital or electronic form.

5 “(b) DETERMINATION OF DEFINITION.—The Archi-
6 vist’s determination whether recorded information, regard-
7 less of whether it exists in physical, digital, or electronic
8 form, is a record as defined in subsection (a) shall be bind-
9 ing on all Federal agencies.”.

10 (b) REGULATIONS COVERING LISTS OF RECORDS
11 FOR DISPOSAL, PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL, AND STAND-
12 ARDS FOR REPRODUCTION.—Section 3302(3) of title 44,
13 United States Code, is amended by striking “photographic
14 or microphotographic processes” and inserting “photo-
15 graphic, microphotographic, or digital processes”.

16 (c) LISTS AND SCHEDULES OF RECORDS TO BE
17 SUBMITTED TO THE ARCHIVIST BY HEAD OF EACH GOV-
18 ERNMENT AGENCY.—Section 3303(1) of title 44, United
19 States Code, is amended by striking “photographed or
20 microphotographed” and inserting “photographed, micro-
21 photographed, or digitized”.

22 (d) EXAMINATION BY ARCHIVIST OF LISTS AND
23 SCHEDULES OF RECORDS LACKING PRESERVATION
24 VALUE; DISPOSAL OF RECORDS.—Section 3303a(c) of
25 title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking “the

1 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and
 2 the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-
 3 resentatives” and inserting “the Committee on Oversight
 4 and Government Reform of the House of Representatives
 5 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
 6 mental Affairs of the Senate”.

7 (e) PHOTOGRAPHS OR MICROPHOTOGRAPHS OF
 8 RECORDS CONSIDERED AS ORIGINALS; CERTIFIED RE-
 9 PRODUCTIONS ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE.—Section 3312
 10 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Photo-
 12 graphs or microphotographs of records” and insert-
 13 ing “Photographs, microphotographs of records, or
 14 digitized records”; and

15 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “photo-
 16 graphs or microphotographs” and inserting “photo-
 17 graphs, microphotographs, or digitized records”,
 18 each place it appears.

19 **SEC. 6. PROCEDURES TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED RE-**
 20 **MOVAL OF CLASSIFIED RECORDS FROM NA-**
 21 **TIONAL ARCHIVES.**

22 (a) CLASSIFIED RECORDS.—Not later than 90 days
 23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Archivist
 24 shall prescribe internal procedures to prevent the unau-
 25 thorized removal of classified records from the National

1 Archives and Records Administration or the destruction
2 or damage of such records, including when such records
3 are accessed or searched electronically. Such procedures
4 shall include, at a minimum, the following prohibitions:

5 (1) An individual, other than covered personnel,
6 may not view classified records in any room that is
7 not secure, except in the presence of National Ar-
8 chives and Records Administration personnel or
9 under video surveillance.

10 (2) An individual, other than covered personnel,
11 may not be left alone with classified records, unless
12 that individual is under video surveillance.

13 (3) An individual, other than covered personnel,
14 may not review classified records while possessing
15 any cellular phone, electronic personal communica-
16 tion device, or any other devices capable of
17 photographing, recording, or transferring images or
18 content.

19 (4) An individual seeking access to review clas-
20 sified records, as a precondition to such access, must
21 consent to a search of their belongings upon conclu-
22 sion of their records review.

23 (5) All notes and other writings prepared by an
24 individual, other than covered personnel, during the
25 course of a review of classified records shall be re-

1 tained by the National Archives and Records Admin-
2 istration in a secure facility until such notes and
3 other writings are determined to be unclassified, are
4 declassified, or are securely transferred to another
5 secure facility.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVERED PERSONNEL.—The term “covered
8 personnel” means any individual—

9 (A) who has an appropriate and necessary
10 reason for accessing classified records, as deter-
11 mined by the Archivist; and

12 (B) who is either—

13 (i) an officer or employee of the
14 United States Government with appro-
15 priate security clearances; or

16 (ii) any personnel with appropriate se-
17 curity clearances of a Federal contractor
18 authorized in writing to act for purposes of
19 this section by an officer or employee of
20 the United States Government.

21 (2) RECORDS.—The term “records” has the
22 meaning given that term under section 3301 of title
23 44, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 7. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE NA-**
2 **TIONAL STUDY COMMISSION ON RECORDS**
3 **AND DOCUMENTS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 3315 through 3324 of
5 title 44, United States Code, are repealed.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 44, United States
8 Code, is amended by striking the items relating to sections
9 3315 through 3324.

10 **SEC. 8. PRONOUN AMENDMENTS.**

11 Title 44, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in section 2116(c), by striking “his” and in-
13 serting “the Archivist’s”;

14 (2) in section 2201(2), by striking “his” and in-
15 serting “the President’s”, each place it appears;

16 (3) in section 2203—

17 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “his” and
18 inserting “the President’s”;

19 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “his”
20 and inserting “the President’s”;

21 (C) in subsection (c)—

22 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph

23 (1)—

24 (I) by striking “his” and insert-
25 ing “the President’s”; and

- 1 (II) by striking “those of his
2 Presidential records” and inserting
3 “those Presidential records of such
4 President”; and
- 5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “he”
6 and inserting “the Archivist”;
- 7 (D) in subsection (d), by striking “he” and
8 inserting “the Archivist”;
- 9 (E) in subsection (e), by striking “he” and
10 inserting “the Archivist”; and
- 11 (F) in subsection (g), as so redesignated,
12 by striking “he” and inserting “the Archivist”;
- 13 (4) in section 2204—
- 14 (A) in subsection (a)—
- 15 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
16 (1), by striking “his” and inserting “a
17 President’s”; and
- 18 (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking
19 “his” and inserting “the President’s”; and
- 20 (B) in subsection (b)—
- 21 (i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
22 “his” and inserting “the President’s”; and
- 23 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

1 (I) by striking “his” the first
2 place it appears and inserting “the
3 Archivist’s”; and

4 (II) by striking “his designee”
5 and inserting “the Archivist’s des-
6 ignee”;

7 (5) in section 2205—

8 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “his”
9 and inserting “the incumbent President’s”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “his”
11 and inserting “the former President’s”;

12 (6) in section 2901(11), by striking “his” and
13 inserting “the Archivist’s”;

14 (7) in section 2904(c)(6), by striking “his” and
15 inserting “the Archivist’s”;

16 (8) in section 2905(a)—

17 (A) by striking “He” and inserting “The
18 Archivist”; and

19 (B) by striking “his” and inserting “the
20 Archivist’s”;

21 (9) in section 3103, by striking “he” and in-
22 serting “the head of such agency”;

23 (10) in section 3104—

24 (A) by striking “his” the first place it ap-
25 pears and inserting “such official’s”; and

1 (B) by striking “him or his” and inserting
2 “such official or such official’s”;

3 (11) in section 3105, by striking “he” and in-
4 serting “the head of such agency”;

5 (12) in section 3302(1), by striking “him” and
6 inserting “the Archivist”; and

7 (13) in section 3303a—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) by striking “him” and inserting
10 “the Archivist”, each place it appears; and

11 (ii) by striking “he” and inserting
12 “the Archivist”;

13 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “he” and
14 inserting “the Archivist”;

15 (C) in subsection (e), by striking “his” and
16 inserting “the Archivist’s”; and

17 (D) in subsection (f), by striking “he” and
18 inserting “the Archivist”.

19 **SEC. 9. RECORDS MANAGEMENT BY THE ARCHIVIST.**

20 (a) **OBJECTIVES OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT.**—Sec-
21 tion 2902 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “creation and
23 of records maintenance and use” and inserting “cre-
24 ation, maintenance, transfer, and use”;

1 (2) in paragraph (6), by inserting after “Fed-
 2 eral paperwork” the following: “and the transfer of
 3 records from Federal agencies to the National Ar-
 4 chives of the United States in digital or electronic
 5 form to the greatest extent possible”; and

6 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking “the Adminis-
 7 trator or”.

8 (b) RECORDS CENTERS AND CENTRALIZED MICRO-
 9 FILMING SERVICES.—

10 (1) AMENDMENT.—Section 2907 of title 44,
 11 United States Code, is amended—

12 (A) in the section heading by inserting “**or**
 13 **digitization**” after “**microfilming**”; and

14 (B) by inserting “or digitization” after
 15 “microfilming”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
 17 sections at the beginning of chapter 29 of title 44,
 18 United States Code, is amended in the item relating
 19 to section 2907 by inserting “or digitization” after
 20 “microfilming”.

21 (c) GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RECORDS
 22 MANAGEMENT.—Section 2904 of title 44, United States
 23 Code, is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The Adminis-
 25 trator” and inserting “The Archivist”;

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

3 (1)—

4 (i) by striking “their” and inserting
5 “the”;

6 (ii) by striking “subsection (a) or (b),
7 respectively” and inserting “subsections
8 (a) and (b)”;

9 (iii) by striking “and the Adminis-
10 trator”; and

11 (iv) by striking “each”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking “or the
13 Administrator (as the case may be)”;

14 (3) subsection (d) is amended to read as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(d) The Archivist shall promulgate regulations re-
17 quiring all Federal agencies to transfer all digital or elec-
18 tronic records to the National Archives of the United
19 States in digital or electronic form to the greatest extent
20 possible.”.

21 (d) INSPECTION OF AGENCY RECORDS.—Section
22 2906 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking “their respective” and
2 inserting “the”;

3 (ii) by striking “the Administrator of
4 General Services and”;

5 (iii) by striking “designee of either”
6 and inserting “the Archivist’s designee”;

7 (iv) by striking “solely”; and

8 (v) by inserting after “for the im-
9 provement of records management prac-
10 tices and programs” the following: “and
11 for determining whether the records of
12 Federal agencies have sufficient value to
13 warrant continued preservation or lack suf-
14 ficient value to justify continued preserva-
15 tion”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) by striking “the Administrator
18 and”; and

19 (ii) by striking the second sentence;
20 and

21 (C) in paragraph (3)—

22 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
23 graph (A)—

24 (I) by striking “the Adminis-
25 trator or”; and

1 (II) by striking “designee of ei-
 2 ther” and inserting “Archivist’s des-
 3 ignee”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 5 “the Administrator, the Archivist,” and in-
 6 serting “the Archivist”; and

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by striking “the Administrator and”;
 9 and

10 (B) by striking “designee of either” and
 11 inserting “Archivist’s designee”.

12 (e) REPORTS; CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS.—Sec-
 13 tion 2115 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking “their respective” and in-
 16 serting “the”;

17 (B) by striking “and the Administrator”;
 18 and

19 (C) by striking “each”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) by striking “either”;

22 (B) by striking “or the Administrator”,
 23 each place it appears; and

24 (C) by striking “inaugurated” and insert-
 25 ing “demonstrably commenced”.

1 (f) RECORDS MANAGEMENT BY THE ARCHIVIST.—

2 (1) AMENDMENT.—The heading for chapter 29
3 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by strik-
4 ing “**AND BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF**
5 **GENERAL SERVICES**”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
7 chapters at the beginning of title 44, United States
8 Code, is amended in the item related to chapter 29
9 by striking “and by the Administrator of General
10 Services”.

11 (g) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM OF MANAGE-
12 MENT.—Section 3102(2) of title 44, United States Code,
13 is amended by striking “the Administrator of General
14 Services and”.

15 **SEC. 10. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICIAL BUSI-**
16 **NESS CONDUCTED USING NON-OFFICIAL**
17 **ELECTRONIC MESSAGING ACCOUNT.**

18 (a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 29 of title 44, United
19 States Code is amended by adding at the end the following
20 new section:

21 “§ 2911. Disclosure requirement for official business
22 **conducted using non-official electronic**
23 **messaging accounts**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An officer or employee of an ex-
25 ecutive agency may not create or send a record using a

1 non-official electronic messaging account unless such offi-
2 cer or employee—

3 “(1) copies an official electronic messaging ac-
4 count of the officer or employee in the original cre-
5 ation or transmission of the record; or

6 “(2) forwards a complete copy of the record to
7 an official electronic messaging account of the offi-
8 cer or employee within five days after the original
9 creation or transmission of the record.

10 “(b) ADVERSE ACTIONS.—The intentional violation
11 of subsection (a) (including any rules, regulations, or other
12 implementing guidelines), as determined by the appro-
13 priate supervisor, shall be a basis for disciplinary action
14 in accordance with subchapter I, II, or V of chapter 75
15 of title 5, as the case may be.

16 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) ELECTRONIC MESSAGES.—The term ‘elec-
18 tronic messages’ means electronic mail and other
19 electronic messaging systems that are used for pur-
20 poses of communicating between individuals.

21 “(2) ELECTRONIC MESSAGING ACCOUNT.—The
22 term ‘electronic messaging account’ means any ac-
23 count that sends electronic messages.

1 “(3) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term ‘executive
2 agency’ has the meaning given that term in section
3 105 of title 5.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of chapter 29 of title 44, United States
6 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 item:

 “2911. Disclosure requirement for official business conducted using non-official
 electronic messaging accounts.”.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.