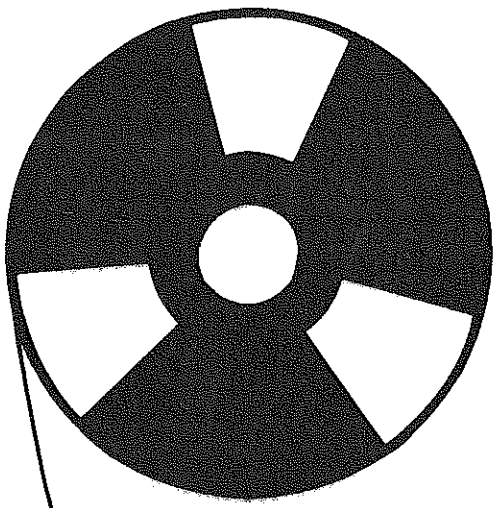


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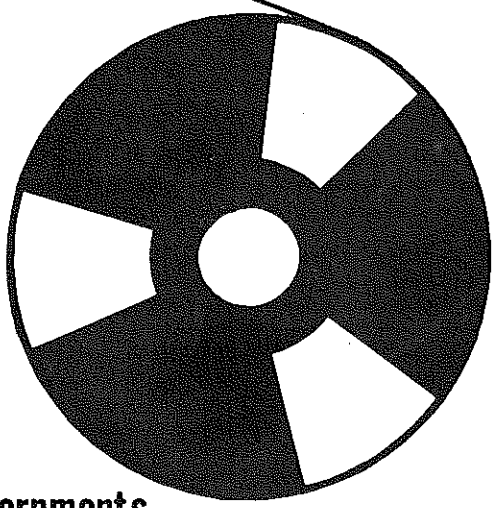


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All data processing programs in use by the Wisconsin Legislature have been developed by the Data Retrieval Corporation of America. These programs are:

SIRS - for computer searching of statutes in full text. The tapes developed for this program are used also for the biennial printing of the statutes through automated type-generating. The automated type-generating is performed by GADS in Chicago. GADS is a subsidiary of Wisconsin Cuneo Press which has the contract for printing the 1969 statute edition.

UPDATE - a program to revise the statute data base at the end of each legislative session (biennially) to keep the data base up to date.

ALTER - a highly sophisticated adaption of IBM's ATS system to be used specifically for bill drafting. In developing ALTER, the Legislature found that the available ATS system was subject to frequent program error so that, on balance, ALTER now seems to be the most advanced system for computerized text entry, storage and modification on the market for general application as well as for bill drafting. The operation of ALTER is tied in with the SIRS data base for the automated retrieval of existing statute text in amendatory bills.

SPRINT - a high-speed print program to produce, in upper and lower case with underscoring or strike-throughs as necessary, camera ready copy for the offset printing of legislation (again, it can be used for any other reports also). The copy can be produced with varying line widths and line numbers per page, both margins justified, and with or without automatic hyphenation of multisyllabic words.

LOCATE - a distributive indexing system in which a standard descriptor is automatically distributed to the required subject and author headings as determined by the legislative index librarian. The operation of LOCATE is tied in with both ALTER AND SPRINT. This program was operational August 1, 1970.

During the 1971 session, all legislation will be drafted on the ALTER system and stored in the computer. The published volume of the session laws will be prepared by automated photocomposition from the ALTER data base.