§ 1580. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds that many municipalities now employ electronic data processing equipment in their administration of the real property tax. Most of the statutes which currently govern the preparation of assessment rolls, tax rolls and tax bills were enacted prior to the development of the computer and its implementation in real property tax systems. As such, these laws, while still appropriate in the case of manually prepared rolls and bills, often serve as impediments to the use of modern technology.

The purpose of this article is to eliminate these impediments while preserving the substance of the law in regard to matters such as public access, security of information, and the rentention of assessment and taxation records. Related amendments have also been made to various sections of this chapter, the town law and the village law.