

ABSTRACT

The title of this research is "The Electronic Archive Authentication Process as Legal Evidence in the Digital Age at the Kendal Regency Archives and Libraries Service". The aims of this research that to find out how the validity of electronic archives can be used as valid evidence in the digital era at the Kendal Regency Archives and Libraries Service. This research is a qualitative study with a case study approach. The informants used in this study were intermediate archivists, executing archivists, and supervisory archivists. In this study, researchers used three informants with nonprobability sampling techniques. The data collection techniques in this study used observation, direct interviews, and online interviews to gain the primary data and study literature to gain secondary data. Based on the result of this study, it was found that the validity of electronic archives as valid evidence in the digital era at the Kendal Regency Archives and Libraries Service is important to study because static electronic archives have evidentiary utility value that can be used by archive creators and law enforcement elements as evidence in resolving disputes over cases that befall individuals/ groups/ organizations that during the past transactions were not administratively complete. In the use of electronic records as valid evidence, third party intervention and a legal review team are required as the party responsible for the validity of the records that will be used. There are two validations so that an archive can be said to be valid. First, validation of archival information which is not changed, added, or subtracted from the beginning of creation. Second, the physical validation of the archives which in its form must be intact and complete. From these two aspects, it can be concluded that the validity of electronic archives can be used as legal evidence in the Department of Archives and Libraries of Kendal Regency.

Kata kunci: authentication of electronic archives; digital era; Kendal Regency Archives and Libraries Service