

By: Baxter

H.B. No. 2264

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2264:

By: Keffer of Eastland

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the charges for certain public information maintained  
3 by a governmental body.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.261, Government Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a) The charge for providing a copy of public information  
9 shall be an amount that reasonably includes all costs related to  
10 reproducing the public information, including costs of materials,  
11 labor, and overhead. Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), if  
12 ~~if~~ a request is for 50 or fewer pages of paper records, the charge  
13 for providing the copy of the public information may not include  
14 costs of materials, labor, or overhead, but shall be limited to the  
15 charge for each page of the paper record that is photocopied, unless  
16 the pages to be photocopied are located in:

17 (1) two or more separate buildings that are not  
18 physically connected with each other; or

19 (2) a remote storage facility.

20 (a-1) If in any calendar month a requestor has been provided  
21 at least 50 pages of responsive paper records in compliance with  
22 Subsection (a), in connection with a subsequent request by that  
23 requestor in that month to the same governmental body for one or  
24 more pages of public information in a paper record, the charge for

1 providing the copy of the responsive public information may include  
2 costs of materials, overhead, the charge for each page of the paper  
3 record that is photocopied at the rate of 10 cents a page, and any  
4 other cost or expense incurred in locating, compiling, and  
5 photocopying the public information to comply with the request or  
6 to provide the copies.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.