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S.B. No. 623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the authorized charges for providing a copy of public
3 information requested under the public information law.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.263, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
7 follows:

8 (e) For purposes of Subchapters [~~Subchapter~~] E and G, a
9 request for a copy of public information is considered to have been
10 received by a governmental body on the date the governmental body
11 receives the deposit or bond for payment of anticipated costs or
12 unpaid amounts if the governmental body's officer for public
13 information or the officer's agent requires a deposit or bond in
14 accordance with this section.

15 (f) A requestor who fails to make a deposit or post a bond
16 required under Subsection (c) before the 10th day after the date the
17 deposit or bond is required is considered to have withdrawn the
18 request for the copy of the public information that precipitated
19 the requirement of the deposit or bond.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
21 552.263, Government Code, apply only to a subsequent request for a
22 copy of public information that is made under Chapter 552 of that
23 code on or after the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.