

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 1299
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2007; March 19, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 16, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to access to certain archaic information excepted from
1-9 required disclosure under the public information law.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 552, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 552.0215 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 552.0215. RIGHT OF ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION AFTER
1-14 75 YEARS. (a) Except as specifically provided by other law,
1-15 including another provision of this chapter, information that is
1-16 not confidential but is excepted from required disclosure under
1-17 Subchapter C is public information and is available to the public on
1-18 or after the 75th anniversary of the date the information was
1-19 originally created or received by the governmental body.

1-20 (b) This section does not limit the authority of a
1-21 governmental body to establish retention periods for records under
1-22 applicable law.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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