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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a bulk data request for information under the public information law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (7) to read as follows:

(7) "Bulk data request" means a request for copies of public information that would involve producing copies of 100 pages or more in response.

SECTION 2. Section 552.228, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a governmental body is not required to produce:

(1) information in response to a bulk data request in any medium other than that in which the information is maintained;
or

(2) a document responsive to a bulk data request in the requested format if the public information is maintained in the same medium as the medium requested by the requestor.

SECTION 3. Section 552.261, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a governmental body may charge an amount not to exceed 20 cents per page in providing a copy of information subject to a bulk data

1 request.

2 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
3 552.228 and 552.261, Government Code, apply only to a request for
4 information that is received by a governmental body or an officer
5 for public information on or after the effective date of this Act.
6 A request for information that was received before the effective
7 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
8 request was received, and the former law is continued in effect for
9 that purpose.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.