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H.B. No. 4147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of
3 the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding
4 to requests from a requestor under the public information law that
5 require large amounts of personnel time.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 552.275(j), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (j) This section does not apply if the requestor is a
10 representative of:

11 (1) a radio or television station that holds a license
12 issued by the Federal Communications Commission; ~~or~~

13 (2) a newspaper that:

14 (A) is qualified under Section 2051.044 to
15 publish legal notices;

16 (B) ~~or~~ is a free newspaper of general
17 circulation and ~~that~~ is published at least once a week and
18 available and of interest to the general public in connection with
19 the dissemination of news; or

20 (C) is a newspaper of general circulation that is
21 published on the Internet by a news medium engaged in the business
22 of disseminating news or information to the public; or

23 (3) a magazine that is published at least once a week
24 or on the Internet by a news medium engaged in the business of

1 disseminating news or information to the general public.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.