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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(2) a newspaper that:

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

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

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

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

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1 disseminating news or information to the general public.

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