

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 1629  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 April 15, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 15, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1629 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of  
1-11 the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding  
1-12 to requests from a requestor under the public information law that  
1-13 require large amounts of personnel time.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Subsection (j), Section 552.275, Government  
1-16 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-17 (j) This section does not apply if the requestor is a  
1-18 representative of:

1-19 (1) a radio or television station that holds a license  
1-20 issued by the Federal Communications Commission; ~~or~~

1-21 (2) a newspaper that:

1-22 (A) is qualified under Section 2051.044 to  
1-23 publish legal notices;

1-24 (B) ~~or~~ is a free newspaper of general  
1-25 circulation and ~~that~~ is published at least once a week and  
1-26 available and of interest to the general public in connection with  
1-27 the dissemination of news; or

1-28 (C) is a newspaper of general circulation that is  
1-29 published on the Internet by a news medium engaged in the business  
1-30 of disseminating news or information to the general public; or

1-31 (3) a magazine that is published at least once a month  
1-32 or on the Internet by a news medium engaged in the business of  
1-33 disseminating news or information to the general public.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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