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S.B. No. 2140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requests to inspect or be provided with copies of information under the public information law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.003(2), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Manipulation" means the process of modifying, reordering, or decoding of information with human intervention. The term includes a search of one or more e-mail or text message accounts and the retrieval and transfer of e-mails or text messages that are responsive to a request for public information into a paper or other format that can be provided to or inspected by the requestor.

SECTION 2. Section 552.2615(g), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The time deadlines imposed by this section toll ~~do not affect~~ the application of a time deadline imposed on a governmental body under Subchapter G, beginning on the date the itemized statement or updated itemized statement is considered to have been sent by the governmental body under Subsection (e) and ending on the date the governmental body receives a response from the requestor.

SECTION 3. Section 552.263(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           (e) For purposes of Subchapters F and G, if the officer for  
2 public information of a governmental body or the officer's agent  
3 requires a deposit or bond under this section, a request for a copy  
4 of public information is considered to have been received by a  
5 governmental body on, as applicable, the date the governmental body  
6 receives the deposit or bond for payment of anticipated costs or  
7 unpaid amounts or the date the governmental body receives from the  
8 requestor in accordance with Section 552.2615 a modified, amended,  
9 or narrowed request [~~if the governmental body's officer for public~~  
10 ~~information or the officer's agent requires a deposit or bond in~~  
11 ~~accordance with this section~~].

12           SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
13 to a request to inspect or copy public information received by a  
14 governmental body on or after the effective date of this Act.

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