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H.B. No. 4710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing a governmental body to combine multiple
3 requests submitted by separate individuals on behalf of an
4 organization for purposes of computing charges under the public
5 information law.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 552.261(e), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (e) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all
10 requests received in one calendar day from an individual may be
11 treated as a single request for purposes of calculating costs under
12 this chapter. A governmental body may [~~not~~] combine multiple
13 requests under this subsection from separate individuals who submit
14 requests on behalf of an organization.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
16 552.261(e), Government Code, apply only to a request for
17 information that is received by a governmental body or an officer or
18 employee of a governmental body on or after the effective date of
19 this Act. A request for information that was received before the
20 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
21 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in
22 effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.