



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 584

LCO No. 2259

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF VOICE MAILS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-213 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Freedom of Information Act shall be:

4 (1) Construed as requiring each public agency to open its records
5 concerning the administration of such agency to public inspection; and

6 (2) Construed as requiring each public agency to disclose
7 information in its personnel files, birth records or confidential tax
8 records to the individual who is the subject of such information.

9 (b) Nothing in the Freedom of Information Act shall be deemed in
10 any manner to:

11 (1) Affect the status of judicial records as they existed prior to
12 October 1, 1975, nor to limit the rights of litigants, including parties to

13 administrative proceedings, under the laws of discovery of this state;
14 [or]

15 (2) Require disclosure of any record of a personnel search committee
16 which, because of name or other identifying information, would reveal
17 the identity of an executive level employment candidate without the
18 consent of such candidate; or

19 (3) Require any public agency to manually record the content of any
20 voice mail message and retain such record for any period of time. As
21 used in this subdivision, "voice mail" means all information
22 transmitted by voice for the sole purpose of its electronic receipt,
23 storage and playback by a public agency.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To avoid the onerous requirement for state, town and borough agencies to have to transcribe and retain records of voice mails.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]