



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 584**

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**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 Section 1-213 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 transcribe the content of any voice  
20 mail message and retain such record for any period of time. As used  
21 in this subdivision, "voice mail" means all information transmitted by  
22 voice for the sole purpose of its electronic receipt, storage and  
23 playback by a public agency.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subdivision (3), the words "manually record" were replaced with "transcribe" for purposes of clarity.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*