



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1421

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided by any federal law or state statute,
5 all records maintained or kept on file by any public agency, whether or
6 not such records are required by any law or by any rule or regulation,
7 shall be public records and every person shall have the right to (1)
8 inspect such records promptly during regular office or business hours,
9 (2) copy such records in accordance with subsection (g) of section 1-
10 212, or (3) receive a copy of such records in accordance with section 1-
11 212. Any agency rule or regulation, or part thereof, that conflicts with
12 the provisions of this subsection or diminishes or curtails in any way
13 the rights granted by this subsection shall be void. Each such agency
14 shall keep and maintain all public records in its custody at its regular
15 office or place of business in an accessible place and, if there is no such

16 office or place of business, the public records pertaining to such agency
17 shall be kept in the office of the clerk of the political subdivision in
18 which such public agency is located or of the Secretary of the State, as
19 the case may be. Any certified record hereunder attested as a true copy
20 by the clerk, chief or deputy of such agency or by such other person
21 designated or empowered by law to so act, shall be competent
22 evidence in any court of this state of the facts contained therein. [Each
23 such agency shall make, keep and maintain a record of the proceedings
24 of its meetings.]

25 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-225 of the 2008 supplement to the
26 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
27 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

28 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
29 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, shall be open to the public.
30 The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any issue
31 before such public agency shall be reduced to writing and made
32 available for public inspection within forty-eight hours and shall also
33 be recorded in the minutes of the session at which taken, which
34 minutes shall be available for public inspection within seven days of
35 the session to which they refer. Each such agency shall make, keep and
36 maintain a record of the proceedings of its meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-210(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-225(a)

Statement of Purpose:
To make certain technical corrections to the Freedom of Information Act.

[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.]