AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:32(C)(1)(a), relative to public records; to provide for examination of public records; to provide for a fee for transmitting electronic copies of public records; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 44:32(C)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§32.  Duty to permit examination; prevention of alteration; payment for overtime; copies provided; fees

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C.(1)(a)  For all public records, except public records of state agencies, it shall be the duty of the custodian of such public records to provide copies to persons so requesting.  The custodian may establish and collect reasonable fees for making copies of public records, which may include the transmission of electronic copies of public records.  The custodian may request payment of fees in advance of production.  Copies of records may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge to indigent citizens of this state.

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Section 2.  This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana.  If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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