

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Provides for reproduction of public records from district attorney's offices

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 16:16.4, relative to district attorneys; to prohibit the use of privately owned
3 copying devices for public records in the office of a district attorney; to authorize the
4 district attorney to charge a reasonable fee for copying records and redacting records;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 16:16.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §16.4. Prohibition on use of privately owned copying devices for public records;
9 reasonable fees for redaction of records; making copies

10 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 44:31 et seq., the use of privately
11 owned copying, reproducing, scanning, or any other such imaging equipment,
12 whether hand-held, portable, fixed, or otherwise, within the office of any district
13 attorney is prohibited unless authorized by the district attorney or ordered by a court.

14 B. If the district attorney does authorize the use of prohibited copying
15 devices as provided for in Subsection A of this Section, the district attorney shall
16 remove or redact all confidential information contained in those records prior to
17 allowing them to be copied.

18 C. The district attorney may charge a reasonable fee for redacting the records
19 prior to allowing them to be copied and for the production of copies of the requested
20 records.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the use of privately owned copying devices in the office of a district attorney (DA) unless DA or court approves their use; authorizes a DA to change fees for redaction and copying of records.

Proposed law prohibits the use of privately owned copying devices in the DA's office unless ordered by a court or approved by the DA.

Proposed law authorizes the DA to charge a fee for redaction of records prior to copying them and for making copies.

(Adds R.S. 16:16.4)