

SENATE BILL NO. 213

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:32(C)(1)(a), relative to examination of public records; to provide for a fee schedule; to provide for notification; to provide for the collection of fees; to provide for challenges of fees; to provide for the award of attorney fees; 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, unless the requestor fails to pay the applicable copying fees after being notified of the amount in advance of production or the requestor has an outstanding balance from a prior request. 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. Any custodian who elects to establish and collect such fees shall establish a reasonable fee schedule and post the schedule where it can be readily accessed by the public. The custodian may request

1 payment of fees in advance of production. Copies of records may be furnished  
2 without charge or at a reduced charge to indigent citizens of this state.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_