



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 712

SENATE BILL NO. 1724

By Bell, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1608

By Matlock, Faison

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to public records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-503(g), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(g)(1) No later than July 1, 2018, every county and municipal governmental entity subject to this section shall establish a written public records policy properly adopted by the appropriate governing authority. The public records policy shall not impose requirements on those requesting records that are more burdensome than state law and shall include:

(A) The process for making requests to inspect public records or receive copies of public records and a copy of any required request form;

(B) The process for responding to requests, including redaction practices;

(C) A statement of any fees charged for copies of public records and the procedures for billing and payment; and

(D) The name or title and the contact information of the individual or individuals within such governmental entity designated as the public records request coordinator.

(2) No later than January 1, 2019, state governmental entities shall promulgate rules regarding public records, which must meet the requirements under subdivisions (g)(1)(A)-(D). Such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. Any written public records policy of a state governmental entity adopted prior to the effective date of this act, if any, remains in full force and effect until the state governmental entity adopts rules in accordance with this subdivision (g)(2).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 22, 2018


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR