

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to publication information;
3 creating s. 283.551, F.S.; prohibiting
4 government agencies from mailing general
5 unsolicited reports to any person in the state;
6 providing exceptions; providing an effective
7 date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 283.551, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 283.551 Unsolicited distribution of general reports by
14 mail prohibited; exceptions.--

15 (1) Unless otherwise authorized by law, no agency
16 shall mail an unsolicited copy of a general report or
17 newsletter by United States Postal Service, or other method of
18 delivery, except e-mail, to any person, including an elected
19 or appointed officer or governmental employee, or to any state
20 or local governmental entity. Nothing in this section applies
21 to regulatory newsletters provided to affected persons or to
22 reports or newsletters relating to the prevention or treatment
23 of disease or injury.

24 (2) An agency shall send to any person, including an
25 elected or appointed officer or governmental employee, or to
26 any state or local governmental entity, a copy of a general
27 report or newsletter by United States Postal Service, by
28 e-mail, or other method of delivery:

29 (a) Upon a specific request for a particular report or
30 newsletter; or

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1 (b) Upon a general request to receive all agency
2 reports or newsletters, which request must be renewed as
3 provided in s. 283.55.

4 (3) A request for a report or newsletter must state
5 whether the recipient wishes to receive the document by
6 regular mail, by e-mail, or other method of delivery.

7 (4) An agency may post any general report on its
8 Internet website.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.