

1                   Senate Joint Resolution No. 1284  
2           A joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
3           Section 24 of Article I of the State  
4           Constitution relating to public records and  
5           meetings exemptions.  
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7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           That the following amendment to Section 24 of Article I  
10          of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted  
11          to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the  
12          next general election or at an earlier special election  
13          specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

14                                   ARTICLE I

15   DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

16           SECTION 24. Access to public records and meetings.--

17           (a) Every person has the right to inspect or copy any  
18          public record made or received in connection with the official  
19          business of any public body, officer, or employee of the  
20          state, or persons acting on their behalf, except with respect  
21          to records exempted pursuant to this section or specifically  
22          made confidential by this Constitution. This section  
23          specifically includes the legislative, executive, and judicial  
24          branches of government and each agency or department created  
25          thereunder; counties, municipalities, and districts; and each  
26          constitutional officer, board, and commission, or entity  
27          created pursuant to law or this Constitution.

28           (b) All meetings of any collegial public body of the  
29          executive branch of state government or of any collegial  
30          public body of a county, municipality, school district, or  
31          special district, at which official acts are to be taken or at

1 which public business of such body is to be transacted or  
2 discussed, shall be open and noticed to the public and  
3 meetings of the legislature shall be open and noticed as  
4 provided in Article III, Section 4(e), except with respect to  
5 meetings exempted pursuant to this section or specifically  
6 closed by this Constitution.

7 (c) This section shall be self-executing. The  
8 legislature, however, may provide by general law passed by a  
9 two-thirds vote of each house for the exemption of records  
10 from the requirements of subsection (a) and the exemption of  
11 meetings from the requirements of subsection (b), provided  
12 that such law shall state with specificity the public  
13 necessity justifying the exemption and shall be no broader  
14 than necessary to accomplish the stated purpose of the law.  
15 The legislature shall enact laws governing the enforcement of  
16 this section, including the maintenance, control, destruction,  
17 disposal, and disposition of records made public by this  
18 section, except that each house of the legislature may adopt  
19 rules governing the enforcement of this section in relation to  
20 records of the legislative branch. Laws enacted pursuant to  
21 this subsection shall contain only exemptions from the  
22 requirements of subsections (a) or (b) and provisions  
23 governing the enforcement of this section, and shall relate to  
24 one subject.

25 (d) All laws that are in effect on July 1, 1993 that  
26 limit public access to records or meetings shall remain in  
27 force, and such laws apply to records of the legislative and  
28 judicial branches, until they are repealed. Rules of court  
29 that are in effect on the date of adoption of this section  
30 that limit access to records shall remain in effect until they  
31 are repealed.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
2 placed on the ballot:  
3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
4 ARTICLE I, SECTION 24  
5 LAWS PROVIDING PUBLIC RECORDS OR MEETINGS EXEMPTIONS;  
6 TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED.--Requires that laws providing  
7 exemptions from public records or public meetings requirements  
8 must, after the effective date of this amendment, be passed by  
9 a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature.  
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