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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 by 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.

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