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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



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29 (b) Upon a general request to receive all agency reports
30 or newsletters, which request must be renewed as provided in s.
31 283.55.

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

35 (4) An agency may post any general report on its Internet
36 website.

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