

1 prospective donor, who desires to remain anonymous, to a
2 publicly owned house museum designated by the United States
3 Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark, be
4 made confidential and exempt from public-records requirements.
5 In order to protect Florida's historic resources, it is a
6 public necessity to promote the giving of gifts to, and the
7 raising of private funds for, the acquisition, renovation,
8 rehabilitation, and operation of publicly owned house museums
9 designated by the United States Department of the Interior as
10 National Historic Landmarks. An essential element of a robust
11 plan of promoting the giving of private gifts and the raising
12 of private funds is the need to protect the identity of
13 prospective and actual donors who desire to remain anonymous.
14 If the identity of prospective and actual donors who desire to
15 remain anonymous is subject to disclosure, there is a chilling
16 effect on donations because donors are concerned about
17 disclosure of personal information leading to theft and, in
18 particular, identity theft, including personal safety and
19 security. Therefore, the Legislature finds that it is a public
20 necessity to make confidential and exempt from public-records
21 requirements information that would identify a donor or
22 prospective donor who wishes to remain anonymous, to a
23 publicly owned house museum designated by the United States
24 Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 2772

The committee substitute eliminates the public meetings exemption provided in the original bill, and clarifies the public records exemption for information relating to donors or potential donors to publicly owned house museums designated as National Historic Landmarks, who desire to remain anonymous.