

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to requests for public records;  
3           amending s. 119.07, F.S.; prohibiting an agency that  
4           receives a request to inspect or copy a record from  
5           responding to such request by filing an action for  
6           declaratory relief against the requester; providing an  
7           effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 119.07,  
12   Florida Statutes, to read:

13           119.07   Inspection and copying of records; photographing  
14   public records; fees; exemptions.—

15           (9) After receiving a request to inspect or copy a record,  
16   an agency may not respond to that request by filing an action  
17   for declaratory relief against the requester to determine  
18   whether the record is a public record as defined by s. 119.011,  
19   or the status of the record as confidential or exempt from the  
20   provisions of s. 119.07(1).

21           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.