

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
and Senator Posey

302-2125-02

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to publication information;  
3           creating s. 283.551, F.S.; prohibiting  
4           government agencies from mailing general  
5           unsolicited reports to any person in the state;  
6           providing exceptions; providing an effective  
7           date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1.   Section 283.551, Florida Statutes, is  
12   created to read:  
13           283.551 Unsolicited distribution of general reports by  
14   mail prohibited; exceptions.--  
15           (1) Unless otherwise required by law, no agency shall  
16   mail an unsolicited copy of a general report or newsletter by  
17   United States Postal Service, by e-mail, or other method of  
18   delivery, to any person, including an elected or appointed  
19   officer or governmental employee, or to any state or local  
20   governmental entity.  
21           (2) An agency shall send to any person, including an  
22   elected or appointed officer or governmental employee, or to  
23   any state or local governmental entity, a copy of a general  
24   report or newsletter by United States Postal Service, by  
25   e-mail, or other method of delivery:  
26           (a) Upon a specific request for a particular report or  
27   newsletter; or  
28           (b) Upon a general request to receive all agency  
29   reports or newsletters, which request must be renewed as  
30   provided in s. 283.55.  
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1       (3) A request for a report or newsletter must state  
2 whether the recipient wishes to receive the document by  
3 regular mail, by e-mail, or other method of delivery.

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

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

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9               STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
10               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
11               SB 1440

12 Prohibits an agency from sending an unsolicited report or  
13 newsletter by United States mail, e-mail or other method of  
delivery, unless otherwise required by law.

14 Requires an agency to send a newsletter or report upon  
request.

15 Requires an agency to comply with requirements of s.283.55,  
16 F.S., for renewal of requests to receive all agency reports or  
newsletters.

17 Authorizes an agency to post general reports on its Internet  
18 website.