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HOUSE BILL ***606-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT relative to costs for public records filed electronically.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bickford, Straf 3

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a public body or agency from charging a fee for the inspection or delivery, without copying, of governmental records.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 283:1 Right-to-Know Law; Information Filed Electronically. Amend RSA 91-A:4, IV to read as
2 follows:

3 IV. Each public body or agency shall, upon request for any governmental record reasonably
4 described, make available for inspection and copying any such governmental record within its files
5 when such records are immediately available for such release. If a public body or agency is unable
6 to make a governmental record available for immediate inspection and copying, it shall, within 5
7 business days of request, make such record available, deny the request in writing with reasons, or
8 furnish written acknowledgment of the receipt of the request and a statement of the time
9 reasonably necessary to determine whether the request shall be granted or denied. If a computer,
10 photocopying machine, or other device maintained for use by a public body or agency is used by the
11 public body or agency to copy the governmental record requested, the person requesting the copy
12 may be charged the actual cost of providing the copy, which cost may be collected by the public body
13 or agency. ***No fee shall be charged for the inspection or delivery, without copying, of***
14 ***governmental records, whether in paper, electronic, or other form.*** Nothing in this section
15 shall exempt any person from paying fees otherwise established by law for obtaining copies of
16 governmental records or documents, but if such fee is established for the copy, no additional costs or
17 fees shall be charged.

18 283:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

19 Approved: June 21, 2016

20 Effective Date: June 21, 2016