

CHAPTER 2021-173

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 400

An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing an action for declaratory relief against the requester; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 119.07, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021.

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