

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 997 - L.D. 1346

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory  
Committee Concerning Fees Charged for Responding to Public Records  
Requests**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§8, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 662, §5, is amended to read:

B. The agency or official may charge a fee to cover the actual cost of searching for, retrieving and compiling the requested public record ~~of not more than \$15 per hour after the first hour of staff time per request in accordance with this paragraph.~~ Compiling the public record includes reviewing and redacting confidential information.

(1) The agency or official may not charge a fee for the first 2 hours of staff time per request.

(2) After the first 2 hours of staff time, the agency or official may charge a fee of not more than \$25 per hour.

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

**12. Retention of fees or costs.** An agency may retain any fees or costs charged under this section.