

**501.704 Court-ordered inspection.**

1. If a cooperative does not allow an interest holder who complies with [section 501.702, subsection 1](#), to inspect and copy any records required by that subsection to be available for inspection, the district court of the county where the cooperative's principal office or, if none in this state, its registered office is located may summarily order inspection and copying of the records demanded at the cooperative's expense upon application of the interest holder.

2. If a cooperative does not within a reasonable time allow an interest holder to inspect and copy any other records, the interest holder who complies with [section 501.702, subsections 2 and 3](#), may apply to the district court in the county where the cooperative's principal office or, if not in this state, its registered office is located for an order to permit inspection and copying of the records demanded. The court shall dispose of an application under [this subsection](#) on an expedited basis.

3. If the court orders inspection and copying of the records demanded, it shall also order the cooperative to pay the interest holder's costs, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred to obtain the order unless the cooperative proves that it refused inspection in good faith because it had a reasonable basis for doubt about the right of the interest holder to inspect the records demanded.

4. If the court orders inspection and copying of the records demanded, it may impose reasonable restrictions on the use or distribution of the records by the demanding interest holder.

[98 Acts, ch 1152, §47, 69](#)