

House File 867

H-1403

1 Amend House File 867 as follows:

2 1. Page 7, after line 22 by inserting:

3 <a. As a condition of the appropriation in this subsection,  
4 the offices of the governor and the lieutenant governor shall  
5 address all public record requests submitted to the offices  
6 pursuant to chapter 22 on or before June 11, 2021, by July 1,  
7 2021. If the offices fail to address such a public record  
8 request by July 1, 2021, the offices shall not expend the  
9 moneys appropriated in this subsection until the offices  
10 address the public record request.

11 b. As a condition of the appropriation in this subsection,  
12 the offices of the governor and the lieutenant governor shall  
13 address all public record requests submitted to the offices  
14 pursuant to chapter 22, on or after June 12, 2021, within  
15 twenty calendar days after receipt. If the offices fail to  
16 address such a public record request within twenty calendar  
17 days after receipt, the offices shall not expend the moneys  
18 appropriated in this subsection until the offices address the  
19 public records request.>

20 2. Page 18, after line 22 by inserting:

21 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_  
22 PUBLIC RECORDS

23 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 22.3, Code 2021, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 **22.3 Supervision — fees.**

26 1. The examination and copying of public records shall  
27 be done under the supervision of the lawful custodian of the  
28 records or the custodian's authorized designee. The lawful  
29 custodian shall not require the physical presence of a person  
30 requesting or receiving a copy of a public record and shall  
31 fulfill requests for a copy of a public record received in  
32 writing, by telephone, or by electronic means. Fulfillment  
33 of a request for a copy of a public record may be contingent  
34 upon receipt of payment of reasonable expenses, to be incurred  
35 in fulfilling the request and such estimated expenses shall

1 be communicated to the requester upon receipt of the request.  
2 The lawful custodian may adopt and enforce reasonable rules  
3 regarding the examination and copying of the records and the  
4 protection of the records against damage or disorganization.  
5 The lawful custodian shall provide a suitable place for  
6 the examination and copying of the records, but if it is  
7 impracticable to do the examination and copying of the records  
8 in the office of the lawful custodian, the person desiring to  
9 examine or copy shall pay any necessary expenses of providing a  
10 place for the examination and copying.

11 2. All reasonable expenses of the examination and copying  
12 shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy. The  
13 lawful custodian may charge a reasonable fee for the services  
14 of the lawful custodian or the custodian's authorized designee  
15 in supervising the examination and copying of the records.  
16 If copy equipment is available at the office of the lawful  
17 custodian of any public records, the lawful custodian shall  
18 provide any person a reasonable number of copies of any public  
19 record in the custody of the office upon the payment of a fee.  
20 The fee for the copying service as determined by the lawful  
21 custodian shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the  
22 service. Actual costs shall include only those reasonable  
23 expenses directly attributable to supervising the examination  
24 of and making and providing copies of public records. Actual  
25 costs shall not include charges for legal services for the  
26 redaction or review of public records and ordinary expenses or  
27 costs such as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance,  
28 electricity, or insurance associated with the administration  
29 of the office of the lawful custodian. However, a county  
30 recorder shall not charge a fee for the examination and copying  
31 of public records necessary to complete and file claims for  
32 benefits with the Iowa department of veterans affairs or the  
33 United States department of veterans affairs.

34 3. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2, a lawful custodian  
35 shall not require payment from a member of the general assembly

1 in connection with the member's request to examine or copy a  
2 public record.>

3 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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