
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

HB 1446

Brief Description: Regarding the statute of limitations under the public records act.

Sponsors: Representatives Kessler, Rodne, Chandler, Hunt, Upthegrove and Miloscia; by request of Attorney General.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Clarifies when the statute of limitations tolls for actions filed under the Public Records Act.

Hearing Date: 2/2/07

Staff: Colleen Kerr (786-7168).

Background:

The Public Records Act (PRA) provides the procedure for an individual to seek judicial review of an agency's denial to inspect or copy a public record. In 2005, the Legislature added language requiring that actions under the PRA must be filed within one year of the agency's claim of exemption or the last production of a record on a partial or installment basis

Summary of Bill:

Clarifies that the statute of limitations begins to toll upon an agency's failure to provide a response as required by the PRA or any other violation of the PRA as well as when an agency claims an exemption or the provides the last production of a record on a partial or installment basis.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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