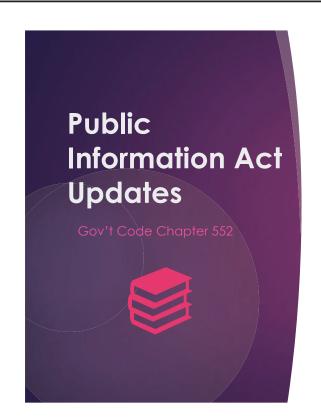




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- (1) Excludes "protected health information" from the PIA.
- (2) "Temporary custodian" process for obtaining records from current and former officers and employees who independently maintain information
- (3) Clarifies possession and maintenance requirements for information maintained on privately owned devices
- (4) New exception to disclosure of certain health care information obtained by a governmental body;
- (5) Clarifies the permissible methods a requestor may use to submit a public information request and specifies that a governmental body may designate an email address and a mailing address for receiving requests
- (6) Requires the OAG to create a public information request form for use by governmental bodies and requestors.



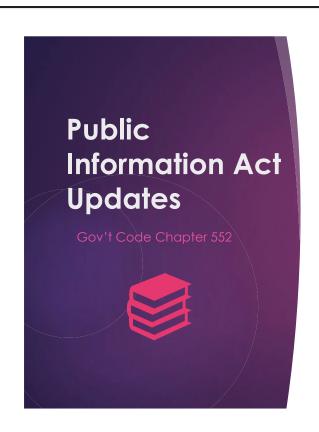
Creates a "temporary custodian" process for obtaining records from current and former officers and employees who independently maintain information



Now there are civil and criminal mechanisms for a requestor to force a city official to turn over information

Clarifies procedure for info held on private device and record retention





Clarifies the permissible methods a requestor may use to submit a public information request

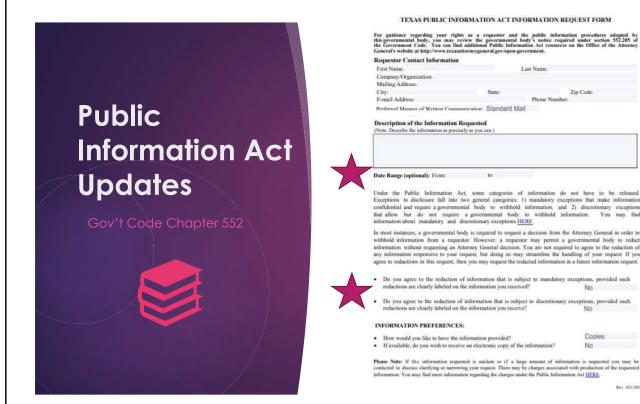
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Specifies that a governmental body may designate one email address and one mailing address for receiving requests - must post on website

Entity is not required to respond to any requests that do not come through the posted addresses









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