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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to the disposal of certain information or data maintained by agencies of government

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 86 of the public officers law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 12, 13 and 14 to read as follows:

12. "Data base" means a set of data, consisting of more than one data file, that is collected and stored for a given purpose.

13. "Data file" means an electronic record consisting of related numeric, textual or graphic information that is organized in a strictly prescribed form and format.

14. "Electronic record" means any record that is stored, processed and used by means of a computer.

§ 2. Subparagraph iii of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 87 of the public officers law, as amended by chapter 745 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

iii. the fees for copies of records which shall not exceed twenty-five cents per photocopy not in excess of nine inches by fourteen inches, or the actual cost of reproducing any other record in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, except when a different fee is otherwise prescribed by statute. In the case where an identical record has been prepared for a previous request within the past [~~6~~] **six** months and an electronic copy is available, an agency shall not charge a fee. If more than one request is made for an identical record before any such request has been fulfilled, any fees charged by the agency under this subparagraph shall be apportioned equally among the requestors. **With respect to an electronic record, the actual cost of reproduction shall include the cost of the staff time and computer time required for reproduction and the cost of the storage device or medium**

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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by which such record is transmitted to the person who has requested it, where such storage device or medium is provided by the agency, provided however that such actual cost of reproduction with respect to an electronic record shall not be greater than the actual cost would be if the records were transmitted by the agency as photocopies, plus the cost of such storage device or medium if provided by the agency.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 87 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision, any agency may, pursuant to rule duly promulgated by such agency or by the governing body of the public corporation of which such agency is part, provide for the public sale, lease or other disposition of the information or data maintained by such agency in a data base. Such sale, lease or other disposition shall be made on the basis of a price or schedule of prices, set forth in such rule, at which any person or entity may acquire such information or data. All moneys received by an agency pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the general fund of the public corporation of which the agency is part.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.