

Subject Government Data Practices: Filing Fees

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Summary

This bill reduces to \$200 the current \$1,000 filing fee for an administrative complaint to compel compliance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (GDPA).

Under current law, a complainant who substantially prevails on the merits in an administrative action is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and a refund of the filing fee, less \$50. A complainant that does not substantially prevail on the merits is also entitled to a refund of the filing fee, less any costs incurred by the office in conducting the matter.

Proceeds collected by the Office of Administrative Hearings from GDPA filing fees are deposited into the administrative hearings account in the state treasury, and are appropriated to the office for use in administering the GDPA administrative remedy.