

Guide to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

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“Pursuant to the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of government, it is declared to be the public policy of the State of Illinois that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials and public employees consistent with the terms of this Act. Such access is necessary to enable the people to fulfill their duties of discussing public issues fully and freely, making informed political judgments and monitoring government to ensure that it is being conducted in the public interest.” 5 ILCS 140/1

The County of Bond observes the State of Illinois statutes regarding FOIA requests. This Act insures that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government, and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials.

This Act is not intended to be used to violate individual privacy, nor for the purpose of furthering a commercial enterprise, or to disrupt the duly-undertaken work of any public body independent of the fulfillment of any of the rights of the people to access information.

Unless information falls within an express statutory exemption, it must be disclosed under FOIA (5 ILCS 140/1).

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