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Chapter 1 - General Provisions

Oklahoma Open Records Act

Section 24A.17 - Violations of Oklahoma Open Records Act - Notice - Civil Liability

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- A. Any public official who willfully violates any provision of the Oklahoma Open Records Act, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- B. Any person who requests and is denied access to records of a public body or public official:
1. May bring a civil suit for declarative or injunctive relief, or both, but such civil suit shall be limited to records requested and denied prior to filing of the civil suit; and
 2. If successful, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.
- C. Prior to bringing a civil suit under subsection B of this section, any person seeking declaratory or injunctive relief, or both, must notify the public body or public official of his or her intent to bring a civil suit to obtain relief in writing ten (10) business days prior to filing for such relief. Such notice must also be provided to the Attorney General.
- D. If the public body or public official successfully defends a civil suit and the court finds that the suit was clearly frivolous, the public body or public official shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.
- E. A public body or public official shall not be civilly liable for damages for providing access to records as allowed under the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

Historical Data

Laws 1985, SB 276, c. 355, § 17, eff. November 1, 1985; Amended by Laws 2005, HB 1553, c. 199, § 7, eff. November 1, 2005 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2024, HB 3779, c. 116, § 3, eff. November 1, 2024 ([superseded document available](#)).

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