



What does Texas State Law Say about Government Transparency and the People's Right to Complete Information About the Affairs of Their Government and the Official Acts of Public Officials and Employees?

Texas Government Code, Title 5, Open Government; Ethics, Subtitle A, Open Government, Chapter 552, Public Information, Subchapter A. General Provisions, Section 552.001 Policy; Construction (a) reads:

*“Under the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of representative government that adheres to the principle that government is the servant and not the master of the people, it is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. **The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know.** The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created. The provisions of this chapter shall be liberally construed to implement this policy.”*