

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1786

To provide for the application of sections 552, 552a, and 552b of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2011

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Open and Transparent
5 Smithsonian Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF OPEN GOVERNMENT STATUTES**
2 **TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The following provisions shall
4 apply to the Smithsonian Institution:

5 (1) Section 552 of title 5, United States Code
6 (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Informa-
7 tion Act).

8 (2) Sections 552a of title 5, United States Code
9 (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act).

10 (3) Sections 552b of title 5, United States Code
11 (relating to open meetings).

12 (4) The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
13 U.S.C. App.).

14 (b) AGENCY.—For purposes of each provision of law
15 under subsection (b)—

16 (1) the Smithsonian Institution shall be an
17 agency; and

18 (2) the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution
19 shall be the head of the agency.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

21 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take
22 effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (2) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply
24 to—

25 (A) all actions taken by the Board of Re-
26 gents of the Smithsonian Institution or any of-

1 ficer or employee of the Smithsonian Institution
2 before, on, or after the date of enactment of
3 this Act;

4 (B) any record created before, on, or after
5 that date; and

6 (C) any meeting held before, on, or after
7 that date.

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