AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The State Historical Library Act is amended by changing Section 5.1 as follows:

(20 ILCS 3425/5.1) (from Ch. 128, par. 16.1)

Sec. 5.1. The State Historian shall establish and supervise a program within the Lincoln Presidential Library designed to preserve as historical records selected past editions of newspapers of this State. Such editions shall be preserved in accordance with industry standards and microphotographed. The negatives of such microphotographs shall be stored in a place provided by the Lincoln Presidential Library.

The State Historian shall determine on the basis of historical value the various newspaper edition files which shall be preserved microphotographed and shall arrange a schedule for such microphotographing. The State Historian or designee shall supervise the making of arrangements for acquiring access to past edition files with the editors or publishers of the various newspapers.

The method of microphotography to be employed in this program shall conform to the standards established pursuant to Section 17 of "The State Records Act", approved July 6, 1957.

Upon payment to the Lincoln Presidential Library of the required fee, any person or organization shall be granted access to the preserved edition supplied with any prints requested to be made from the negatives of the microphotographs. The fee required shall be determined by the State Historian and shall be equal in amount to the cost incurred by the Lincoln Presidential Library in granting such access supplying the requested prints.

(Source: P.A. 92-600, eff. 7-1-02.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.