**Section 1127.503 Reduction and Waiver of Fees**

a) Fees may be reduced or waived by the Agency *if the* requester *states the specific* *purpose for the request and indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest.* In making this determination, the Agency shall consider the following:

1) Whether *the principal purpose of the request is to disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare or legal rights of the general public; and*

2) Whether the *principal purpose* of the request is *personal or commercial* *benefit. For purposes of this subsection* (a) of this Section, *"commercial benefit" shall not apply to requests made by news media when the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare or legal rights of the general public.* (Section 6(c) of FOIA)

b) The Agency may provide records without charge to federal, State, and municipal agencies, Constitutional officers and members of the General Assembly, and not- for-profit organizations providing evidence of good standing with the Secretary of State's Office.

c) *Except to the extent that the General Assembly expressly provides, statutory fees applicable to copies of public records when furnished in a paper format shall not be applicable to those records when furnished to a requester in an electronic format.* (Section 6(a) of FOIA)