

# Appendix E

## **Table: Laws that Affect Open Records Not Codified in Public Information Act**

This table lists statutes outside the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Government Code, that were identified by the Texas Legislative Council as affecting the openness of public records. This effect could be to reduce the openness of a record, to expand the openness, or to do both simultaneously in different parts of the statute.

Council researchers used the Premise 3.7 search system, which is available as a network application to legislators and legislative staff. The search process involved an initial set of 14 search queries, employing various search terms and phrases, each coded by a one-letter abbreviation. Those one-letter codes appear atop the columns to the right of the statutory article or section number. A 15th code, the M in the last column, reflects additional miscellaneous queries that seemed advisable as the research progressed and it became clear that the original 14 queries would not catch certain statutory wordings. Eventually the miscellaneous queries grew to 17 in number, for a total of 31 queries. The key lists the search terms and phrases that correspond to each code.

A check mark in a column indicates that the coded query or set of miscellaneous queries (1) caught a particular statute, and that (2) the statute on examination was considered worth bringing to the attention of the Senate Committee. The table served as a tool to manage the search process, enabling council researchers to determine at a glance whether a particular statute already had been netted. Together with the key, it makes the search terms and phrases explicit, and the search results reproducible or reviewable by other parties familiar with Premise 3.7.

## SEARCH TERMLIST

1	C	confidential!	All Fields
2	F	552!/s "Government Code"	All Fields
3	X	6252-17a	All Fields
4	G	govt 552!	Citation All Fields
5	O	"open record!" OR "public information"	All Fields
6	A	ORD-!	All Fields [Annotated Statutes]
7	U	"public disclosure" OR "public document!" OR "public inspection" OR "public examination"	All Fields
8	D	"not be disclosed" OR "may be disclosed" OR "may not disclose" OR "may disclose"	All Fields
9	R	"not be released" OR "may be released" OR "may not release" OR "may release" OR "public! release"	All Fields
10	S	"subject to disclosure" OR "subject to release" OR "subject to inspection" OR "subject to public"	All Fields
11	B	disclos! /s requir!	All Fields
12	E	("inspect! OR exam! OR disclos! OR release!) +S public	All Fields
13	P	privileged	All Fields
14	T	"trade secret!"	All Fields
15	M	(miscellaneous)	
	15.01	"public record!" OR "private record!" OR "open meeting! and record!"	All Fields
	15.02	(open /S record!) % "open record!"	All Fields
	15.03	open /S public	All Fields
	15.04	"ma*e public"	All Fields
	15.05	"ma*e available"	All Fields
	15.06	"available for inspection" OR "open for inspection"	All Fields
	15.07	subject /S discovery /S compuls!	All Fields
	15.08	disclos! /S information	All Fields
	15.09	release! /S information	All Fields
	15.10	"shall be disclosed" OR "may not be published or disclosed" OR "may elect to withhold"	All Fields
	15.11	"allow access" OR "public access" OR "may inspect" OR "not inspect"	All Fields
	15.12	publicly OR nondisclosure	All Fields
	15.13	requir! /S produce!	All Fields
	15.14	unauthorized /S disclos!	All Fields
	15.15	authorized /S disclos!	All Fields
	15.16	access /S record!	All Fields
	15.17	"personal information"	All Fields

Column Abbreviations.

C = confidential  
F = 552  
X = (e)xtinct  
G = Government Code  
A = attorney general  
O = open  
U = us  
D = disclose  
R = release  
S = subject  
B = both  
E = earlier  
P = privileged  
T = trade secret  
M = miscellaneous