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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. THOMAS of California, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. GINGRICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Government Printing  
3 Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of  
4 1993”.

5 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 44, UNITED STATES CODE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 44, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:

8 **“CHAPTER 41—ACCESS TO FEDERAL**  
9 **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION**

“Sec.

“4101. Electronic directory; online access to publications; electronic storage  
facility.

“4102. Fees.

“4103. Biennial report.

“4104. Definition.

10 **“§ 4101. Electronic directory; online access to publi-**  
11 **cations; electronic storage facility**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-  
13 ments, under the direction of the Public Printer, shall—

14 “(1) maintain an electronic directory of Federal  
15 electronic information;

16 “(2) provide a system of online access to the  
17 Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and, as  
18 determined by the Superintendent of Documents,  
19 other appropriate publications distributed by the Su-  
20 perintendent of Documents; and

1           “(3) operate an electronic storage facility for  
2           Federal electronic information to which online access  
3           is made available under paragraph (2).

4           “(b) DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.—To the extent  
5           practicable, the Superintendent of Documents shall ac-  
6           commodate any request by the head of a department or  
7           agency to include in the system of access referred to in  
8           subsection (a)(2) information that is under the control of  
9           the department or agency involved.

10          “(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,  
11          the Superintendent of Documents shall consult—

12                 “(1) users of the directory and the system of  
13                 access provided for under subsection (a); and

14                 “(2) other providers of similar information serv-  
15                 ices.

16          The purpose of such consultation shall be to assess the  
17          quality and value of the directory and the system, in light  
18          of user needs.

19          **“§ 4102. Fees**

20                 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-  
21                 ments, under the direction of the Public Printer, may  
22                 charge reasonable fees for use of the directory and the  
23                 system of access provided for under section 4101, except  
24                 that use of the directory and the system shall be made  
25                 available to depository libraries without charge. The fees

1 received shall be treated in the same manner as moneys  
 2 received from sale of documents under section 1702 of this  
 3 title.

4 “(b) COST RECOVERY.—The fees charged under this  
 5 section shall be set so as to recover the incremental cost  
 6 of dissemination of the information involved, with the cost  
 7 to be computed without regard to section 1708 of this  
 8 title.

9 **“§ 4103. Biennial report**

10 “Not later than December 31 of each odd-numbered  
 11 year, the Public Printer shall submit to the Congress, with  
 12 respect to the two preceding fiscal years, a report on the  
 13 directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage  
 14 facility referred to in section 4101(a). The report shall in-  
 15 clude a description of the functions involved, including a  
 16 statement of cost savings in comparison with traditional  
 17 forms of information distribution.

18 **“§ 4104. Definition**

19 “As used in this chapter, the term ‘Federal electronic  
 20 information’ means Federal public information stored  
 21 electronically.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters  
 23 for title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding  
 24 at the end the following new item:

**“41. Access to Federal Electronic Information ..... 4101”.**

1 **SEC. 3. STATUS REPORT.**

2 Not later than June 30, 1994, the Public Printer  
3 shall submit to the Congress a report on the status of the  
4 directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage  
5 facility referred to in section 4101 of title 44, United  
6 States Code, as added by section 2(a).

7 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RULES.**

8 (a) OPERATIONAL DEADLINE.—The directory, the  
9 system of access, and the electronic storage facility re-  
10 ferred to in section 4101 of title 44, United States Code,  
11 as added by section 2(a), shall be operational not later  
12 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (b) FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT.—The first report re-  
14 ferred to in section 4103 of title 44, United States Code,  
15 as added by section 2(a), shall be submitted not later than  
16 December 31, 1995.