

Legislation requiring agencies to retain emails slated for hearing next week

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A bill that would prohibit agencies from destroying or otherwise getting rid of emails in their custody has been set for its first hearing next week by the [Assembly Judiciary Committee](#).

[AB 2093](#), by Assemblyman [Todd Gloria](#) (D-San Diego), would require state and local agencies to retain every writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business transmitted by electronic mail for at least 2 years unless a longer retention period is required by statute or regulation.

The bill, which is supported by CNPA, looks much the same as legislation that was authored by Gloria last year, [AB 1184](#), which the Governor vetoed.

In his veto statement on AB 1184, the Governor said, "This bill does not strike the appropriate balance between the benefits of greater transparency through the public's access to public records, and the burdens of a dramatic increase in records-retention requirements, including associated personnel and data-management costs to taxpayer."

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