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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Government Printing
5 Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of
6 1993”.

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

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

4 **“CHAPTER 41—ACCESS TO FEDERAL**
5 **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION**

“Sec.

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

“4102. Fees.

“4103. Biennial report.

“4104. Definition.

6 **“§ 4101. Electronic directory; online access to publi-**
7 **cations; electronic storage facility**

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

10 “(1) maintain an electronic directory of Federal
11 electronic information;

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

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

20 “(b) DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.—To the extent
21 practicable, the Superintendent of Documents shall ac-
22 commodate any request by the head of a department or

1 agency to include in the system of access referred to in
2 subsection (a)(2) information that is under the control of
3 the department or agency involved.

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

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

8 “(2) other providers of similar information serv-
9 ices.

10 The purpose of such consultation shall be to assess the
11 quality and value of the directory and the system, in light
12 of user needs.

13 **“§ 4102. Fees**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-
15 ments, under the direction of the Public Printer, may
16 charge reasonable fees for use of the directory and the
17 system of access provided for under section 4101, except
18 that use of the directory and the system shall be made
19 available to depository libraries without charge. The fees
20 received shall be treated in the same manner as moneys
21 received from sale of documents under section 1702 of this
22 title.

23 “(b) COST RECOVERY.—The fees charged under this
24 section shall be set so as to recover the incremental cost
25 of dissemination of the information involved, with the cost

1 to be computed without regard to section 1708 of this
2 title.

3 **“§ 4103. Biennial report**

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

12 **“§ 4104. Definition**

13 “As used in this chapter, the term ‘Federal electronic
14 information’ means Federal public information stored
15 electronically.”.

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

“41. Access to Federal Electronic Information 4101”.

19 **SEC. 3. STATUS REPORT.**

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

1 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RULES.**

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

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

Passed the Senate March 22 (legislative day, March
3), 1993.

Attest:

WALTER J. STEWART,

Secretary.