AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RECOMMENDATION

The Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities recommends adoption of the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports in principle the adoption of federal legislation designed to improve the procedures under the Freedom of Information Act for obtaining access to government information in order to facilitate the broad public distribution of such information; and further that the ABA expresses its concern that any such legislation be carefully drafted to avoid extending or broadening any exemption inhibiting free public access to information under the Freedom of Information Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the American Bar Association or his designee is hereby authorized to communicate the position of the Association, as set forth in the above resolution, to the appropriate government agencies.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Freedom of Information Act should be amended to improve the procedures under the Act for obtaining access to government information in order to facilitate the broad public distribution of that information.