Bill would require warrant for digital files

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Law enforcement officers need a warrant if they want to search your house. A bill in the California Legislature would require they also get one to search your email.

The bill is sponsored by the ACLU of Northern California. It would require that law enforcement agencies obtain a warrant to search digital files, such as emails or documents saved on a “cloud” server.

ACLU attorney Chris Conley says the state’s privacy laws must be updated to reflect modern times.

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