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H.B. No. 854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to address information contained on reports of political  
3 contributions and expenditures made available on the Internet by  
4 the Texas Ethics Commission.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (e) Before making a report filed under Section 254.036(b)  
10 available on the Internet, the commission shall remove each  
11 portion, other than city, state, and zip code, of:

12 (1) the address of a person listed as having made a  
13 political contribution to the person filing the report; and

14 (2) the residence address of an individual listed as  
15 having received a political expenditure.

16 (e-1) The address information the commission removes under  
17 Subsection (e) [removed] must remain available on the report  
18 maintained in the commission's office but may not be available  
19 electronically at that office.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
21 to a report of political contributions and expenditures under  
22 Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to be filed on or after  
23 January 1, 2024.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.