

1-1 By: Tepper, Leach (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 2626
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;
 1-3 May 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the availability on the Internet of certain reports of
 1-22 political contributions and expenditures.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsections (b), (e-1), and (h) to read as follows:

1-26 (b) The clerk or secretary of a political subdivision's
 1-27 governing body or, if the governing body does not have a clerk or
 1-28 secretary, the governing body's presiding officer shall make a
 1-29 report filed with the political subdivision by a candidate,
 1-30 officeholder, or specific-purpose committee under this subchapter
 1-31 available to the public on the political subdivision's Internet
 1-32 website not later than the 10th business day after the date the
 1-33 report is received.

1-34 (e-1) Before making a report available on the Internet as
 1-35 required by Subsection (b), the authority with whom the report is
 1-36 filed may remove each portion, other than city, state, and zip code,
 1-37 of the address of a person listed as having made a political
 1-38 contribution to the person filing the report. The address
 1-39 information removed must remain available on the report maintained
 1-40 in the authority's office.

1-41 (h) A report made available on an Internet website under
 1-42 this section must be accessible on that website until the fifth
 1-43 anniversary of the date the report is first made available.

1-44 SECTION 2. The following provisions of the Election Code
 1-45 are repealed:

1-46 (1) Sections 254.0401(a-1) and (c); and

1-47 (2) Section 254.04011.

1-48 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-49 a report under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to be
 1-50 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A report under
 1-51 that chapter that is required to be filed before the effective date
 1-52 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the report
 1-53 is required to be filed, and the former law is continued in effect
 1-54 for that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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