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H.B. No. 551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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 254.036, Election Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) In prescribing the format of a report filed with the  
9 commission under Subsection (b), the commission shall ensure the  
10 report includes a space to indicate whether the address of an  
11 individual listed as having received a political expenditure is a  
12 residence address.

13 SECTION 2. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by  
14 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as  
15 follows:

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

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

21 (2) the residence address of an individual listed as  
22 having received a political expenditure if the individual's address  
23 is indicated in the space described by Section 254.036(b-1) as  
24 being a residence address.

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

5           SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
6 a report of political contributions and expenditures under Chapter  
7 [254](#), Election Code, that is required to be filed on or after January  
8 1, 2026.

9           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.