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H.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public access to personal financial statements filed by
judges and justices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 572.032, Government Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The commission shall remove the home address of a judge
or justice from a financial statement filed under this subchapter
before:

(1) permitting a member of the public to view the
statement; or

(2) providing a copy of the statement to a member of
the public.

SECTION 2. Section 572.032(a-1), Government Code, as added
by this Act, applies to a financial statement filed under
Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, regardless of whether
the statement was required to be filed before, on, or after the
effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2007.