

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 842 was passed by the House on April 4, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 842 was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor