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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend C.S.S.B. No. 219 (house committee printing), in ARTICLE 3 of the bill, as follows:

(1) On page 39, line 27, strike "amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2)" and substitute "amending Subsections (a), (a-1), and (c) and adding Subsections (a-2) and (a-3)".

(2) On page 40, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

(a) Financial statements filed under this subchapter are public records. The commission shall maintain the statements in separate alphabetical files and in a manner that is accessible to the public during regular office hours and make the statements available to the public on the commission's Internet website.

(3) On page 40, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(a-3) The commission shall remove the home address of an individual from a financial statement filed by the individual under this subchapter before making the statement available to the public on the commission's Internet website.

(c) After the second anniversary of the date the individual ceases to be a state officer, the commission may and on notification from the former state officer shall:

(1) destroy each financial statement filed by the state officer; and

(2) remove each financial statement filed by the state officer from the commission's Internet website.

(4) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 3.___. Section 145.007, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If a municipality makes financial statements filed under this chapter available to the public on the municipality's Internet website, the clerk or secretary of the municipality shall remove the home address of an individual filing a statement before making the statement available on the website.

SECTION 3.___. Section 159.007, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If a county makes financial statements filed under this subchapter available to the public on the county's Internet website, the county clerk shall remove the home address of an individual filing a statement before making the statement available on the website.

SECTION 3.___. Subchapter B, Chapter 159, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 159.0341 to read as follows:

Sec. 159.0341. REDACTION OF INFORMATION FROM REPORTS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC ON INTERNET. If a county makes reports filed under this subchapter available to the public on the county's Internet website, the authority with whom the report is filed shall remove the home address of an individual filing a report before making the report available on the website.

SECTION 3.___. Section 159.055, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) If a county makes financial statements filed under this subchapter available to the public on the county's Internet website, the county clerk shall remove the home address of an individual filing a statement before making the statement available on the website.

SECTION 3.__. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Ethics Commission shall make the financial statements filed under Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, available on the commission's Internet website, as provided by the changes in law made by this article.

