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S.B. No. 587

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability on the Internet of certain registrations and reports filed by lobbyists.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 305, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 305.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 305.0091. AVAILABILITY OF REGISTRATIONS AND REPORTS ON INTERNET. (a) The commission shall make available to the public on the commission's Internet website each registration or report filed with the commission under this chapter.

(b) Except as provided by Section 305.009(e), the commission shall make a registration or report available on the commission's Internet website not later than the 10th business day after the date the registration or report is filed.

(c) The commission shall remove the home address of an individual from a registration or report before posting the registration or report on the commission's Internet website.

(d) The commission may not remove a registration or report from the commission's Internet website before the fifth anniversary of the date the commission makes the registration or report available on the commission's Internet website.

SECTION 2. Section 305.0091, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a registration, registration renewal, amended registration statement, or report required to be filed

1 under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after the effective date  
2 of this Act. A registration, registration renewal, amended  
3 registration statement, or report required to be filed under  
4 Chapter 305, Government Code, before the effective date of this Act  
5 is governed by the law in effect on the date the registration,  
6 registration renewal, amended registration statement, or report is  
7 due, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.