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H.B. No. 1942

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to public access to personal financial statements filed by
3 public officials and candidates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 572.032, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) Financial statements filed under this subchapter are
9 public records. The commission shall maintain the statements in
10 separate alphabetical files and in a manner that is accessible to
11 the public during regular office hours and make the statements
12 available to the public on the commission's website not later than
13 the 15th day after the date the statement is required to be filed or
14 is actually filed, whichever is later.

15 (d) The commission is not required to continue to make
16 available on its website a financial statement that may be
17 destroyed under Subsection (c). The commission may not make
18 available on its website a financial statement that the commission
19 is required to destroy under Subsection (c).

20 SECTION 2. Section 572.032(b), Government Code, is
21 repealed.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.