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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability on the Internet of reports of political contributions and expenditures filed in connection with certain county judicial offices.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.04012 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.04012.  AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CERTAIN COUNTY JUDGES ON INTERNET. (a) A report filed under this chapter with a county clerk by a justice of the peace, a candidate for the office of justice of the peace, a judge of a county court at law, or a candidate for the office of judge of a county court at law must be made available to the public on the county's Internet website if the county maintains an Internet website.

(b)  If a county is required to make a report available on the county's Internet website under Subsection (a), the county shall make the report available for free and may not require a person to register with the county to view the report.

SECTION 2.  Section 254.04012, Election Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a report required to be filed under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is due on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.