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H.B. No. 1872

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to public access to certain information included on  
3 personal financial statements filed by county judicial officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 159.055, Local Government  
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 159.055. PUBLIC ACCESS TO STATEMENTS AND RELATED  
8 RECORDS.

9 SECTION 2. Section 159.055(b), Local Government Code, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (b) The [~~On the written request of a county judicial officer~~  
12 ~~or candidate, the~~] county clerk or the commission shall remove the  
13 officer's or candidate's home address and the names of the officer's  
14 or candidate's dependent children from the officer's or candidate's  
15 financial statement and any county or commission record derived  
16 from the financial statement before the statement or record is made  
17 available to a member of the public.

18 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
19 159.055(b), Local Government Code, applies to information included  
20 in a financial statement regardless of whether the statement was  
21 filed before the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 4. 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, 2019.