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H.B. No. 1872

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public access to certain information included on personal financial statements filed by county judicial officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 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.