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S.B. No. 49

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the availability on the Internet of reports of
3 political contributions and expenditures filed in connection with
4 certain county judicial offices.

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

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

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

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

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

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