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S.B. No. 489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to personal information that may be omitted from certain  
3 records, licenses, and reports and to other court security  
4 measures.

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 254.0313 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 254.0313. OMISSION OF ADDRESS FOR JUDGE AND SPOUSE.

9 (a) In this section, "federal judge" and "state judge" have the  
10 meanings assigned by Section 13.0021.

11 (b) On receiving notice from the Office of Court  
12 Administration of the Texas Judicial System of a judge's  
13 qualification for office or on receipt of a written request from a  
14 federal judge, state judge, or spouse of a federal or state judge,  
15 the commission shall remove or redact the residence address of a  
16 federal judge, a state judge, or the spouse of a federal or state  
17 judge from any report filed by the judge in the judge's capacity or  
18 made available on the Internet under this chapter.

19 SECTION 2. Section 72.015, Government Code, is amended by  
20 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

21 (d) The director of security and emergency preparedness  
22 shall annually submit to the legislature:

23 (1) a report on court security activities throughout  
24 the state supported by the judicial security division, including:

1                   (A) the technical aspects of providing court  
2 security;

3                   (B) court security training provided or required  
4 by the judicial security division;

5                   (C) sufficiency of judicial security division  
6 resources to evaluate and monitor court security; and

7                   (D) the adequacy of funding to maintain court  
8 security; and

9                   (2) recommendations for:

10                   (A) monitoring the use of state resources in  
11 providing court security;

12                   (B) improving court security; and

13                   (C) increasing the amount of state funds and  
14 other resources made available for court security.

15           SECTION 3. Section 11.008(a), Property Code, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17           (a) In this section, "instrument" means a deed, ~~or~~ deed of  
18 trust, or any other record recorded by a county clerk related to  
19 real property, including a mineral lease, a mechanic's lien, and  
20 the release of a mechanic's lien.

21           SECTION 4. Section 25.025(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23           (b) Information in appraisal records under Section 25.02 is  
24 confidential and is available only for the official use of the  
25 appraisal district, this state, the comptroller, and taxing units  
26 and political subdivisions of this state if:

27                   (1) the information identifies the home address of a

1 named individual to whom this section applies; and

2 (2) the individual:

3 (A) chooses to restrict public access to the  
4 information on the form prescribed for that purpose by the  
5 comptroller under Section 5.07; or

6 (B) is a federal or state judge [~~as defined by~~  
7 ~~Section 572.002, Government Code~~], or the spouse of a federal or  
8 state judge, beginning on the date the Office of Court  
9 Administration of the Texas Judicial System notifies the appraisal  
10 district of the judge's qualification for the judge's office.

11 SECTION 5. Section 521.121(c), Transportation Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (c) The department shall establish a procedure, on a license  
14 holder's qualification for office as a federal or state judge as  
15 defined by Section 13.0021, Election Code [~~572.002, Government~~  
16 ~~Code~~], to omit the residence address of the judge and the spouse of  
17 the judge on the license holder's license and to include, in lieu of  
18 that address, the street address of the courthouse in which the  
19 license holder or license holder's spouse serves as a federal judge  
20 or state judge.

21 SECTION 6. Section 254.0313, Election Code, as added by  
22 this Act, applies only to a report filed by a federal judge or state  
23 judge on or after the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.