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S.B. No. 489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to personal information that may be omitted from certain property records and political reports and to other court security measures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 254, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 254.0313 to read as follows:

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

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

(b) On receiving notice from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System of the judge 's qualification for the judge 's office or upon receipt of a written request from a federal judge, state judge or spouse of a federal or state judge, the commission shall remove or redact the residence address of a federal judge, a state judge, or the spouse of a federal or state judge before permitting a person to inspect a report filed under this chapter or making a report filed available on the Internet as required by Section 254.0401.

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

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

(1) a report on court security activities throughout

1 the state supported by the judicial security division, including:

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

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

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

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

10 (2) recommendations for:

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

13 (B) improving court security; and

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

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

18 (j) On receipt of a written request from a federal judge,
19 state judge as defined by Section 572.002, Government Code, or
20 spouse of a federal or state judge, the county clerk shall omit or
21 redact from any documents ~~an instrument described by this section~~
22 that ~~is~~ are available in an online database made public by the
23 county clerk, or by a provider with which the county commissioners
24 court contracts to provide the online database, the social security
25 number, driver's license number, and residence address of the
26 federal judge, state judge, or spouse of the federal or state judge.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.