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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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IN RE: **SB489** by Zaffirini (Relating to personal information that may be omitted from certain records, licenses, and reports and to other court security measures.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to require the Texas Ethics Commission to remove or redact a judge's residential address from certain reports. The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Office of Court Administration to submit an annual report to the Legislature and to make recommendations regarding security activities and information involving judges. The bill would amend the Property Code to direct county clerks to omit or redact from online documents certain personal information related to judges.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to require the county clerk to redact the address of a county attorney, state judge or municipal court judge; the spouse of a county attorney, state judge or municipal court judge; or a candidate for the office of county attorney, state judge or municipal court judge, from any financial disclosure statement filed by the county attorney, state judge, municipal court judge, or candidate before the statement is available to the public.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Ethics Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, counties have reported that they do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact from the bill.

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