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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to address information contained on reports of political contributions and expenditures made available on the Internet by the Texas Ethics Commission.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e)  Before making a report filed under Section 254.036(b) available on the Internet, the commission shall remove each portion, other than city, state, and zip code, of:

(1)  the address of a person listed as having made a political contribution to the person filing the report; and

(2)  the residence address of an individual listed as having received a political expenditure.

(e-1)  The address information the commission removes under Subsection (e) [~~removed~~] must remain available on the report maintained in the commission's office but may not be available electronically at that office.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a report of political contributions and expenditures under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is required to be filed on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.