

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 254.036, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) In prescribing the format of a report filed with the commission under Subsection (b), the commission shall ensure the report includes a space to indicate whether the address of an individual listed as having received a political expenditure is a residence address.

SECTION 2. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-2) 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 if the individual's address is indicated in the space described by Section 254.036(b-1) as being a residence address. ~~[The address information removed must~~

~~remain available on the report maintained in the commission's office but may not be available electronically at that office.]~~

(e-2) The address information the commission removes under Subsection (e) must remain available on the report maintained in the commission's office but may not be available electronically at that office.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply 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, 2026.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 551 was passed by the House on May 13, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 551 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor