

1-1 By: Swanson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 551
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
1-3 May 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt			X	
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker			X	
1-16	Perry	X			
1-17	Schwertner			X	
1-18	Zaffirini	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to address information contained on reports of political
1-22 contributions and expenditures made available on the Internet by
1-23 the Texas Ethics Commission.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 254.036, Election Code, is amended by
1-26 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-27 (b-1) In prescribing the format of a report filed with the
1-28 commission under Subsection (b), the commission shall ensure the
1-29 report includes a space to indicate whether the address of an
1-30 individual listed as having received a political expenditure is a
1-31 residence address.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by
1-33 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-2) to read as
1-34 follows:

1-35 (e) Before making a report filed under Section 254.036(b)
1-36 available on the Internet, the commission shall remove each
1-37 portion, other than city, state, and zip code, of:

1-38 (1) the address of a person listed as having made a
1-39 political contribution to the person filing the report; and

1-40 (2) the residence address of an individual listed as
1-41 having received a political expenditure if the individual's address
1-42 is indicated in the space described by Section 254.036(b-1) as
1-43 being a residence address. [The address information removed must
1-44 remain available on the report maintained in the commission's
1-45 office but may not be available electronically at that office.]

1-46 (e-2) The address information the commission removes under
1-47 Subsection (e) must remain available on the report maintained in
1-48 the commission's office but may not be available electronically at
1-49 that office.

1-50 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-51 a report of political contributions and expenditures under Chapter
1-52 254, Election Code, that is required to be filed on or after January
1-53 1, 2026.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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