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H.B. No. 485

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability on the Internet of personal financial statements filed by certain state officeholders.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 572.0321 to read as follows:

Sec. 572.0321. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS ON INTERNET. (a) The commission shall make available to the public on the commission's Internet website each financial statement filed under this subchapter by the following persons:

(1) a member of the legislature;

(2) an executive or judicial officer elected in a statewide election; and

(3) a member of the State Board of Education.

(b) The commission shall make a financial statement described in Subsection (a) available on the commission's Internet website not later than the 10th business day after the date the statement is filed.

(c) The commission shall remove the home address of an individual from a financial statement filed by the individual under this subchapter before posting the statement on the commission's Internet website under this section.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 572.032(c), the commission may not remove a financial statement described in Subsection (a) from

1 the commission's Internet website before the 10th anniversary of  
2 the date the commission makes the statement available on the  
3 commission's Internet website.

4 SECTION 2. Section 572.0321, Government Code, as added by  
5 this Act, applies only to a financial statement filed under  
6 Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, that is due on or after  
7 September 1, 2015.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.