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## HOUSE BILL No. 1256

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**Citations Affected:** IC 3-9; IC 36-1.

**Synopsis:** Campaign finance reports of local candidates. Requires the circuit court clerk of each county to place a copy of each campaign finance report, notice, or other instrument filed with the county election board on the circuit court clerk's or county election board's website in portable document format. Allows certain covered persons to submit a written request to a county, municipality, or township to restrict access to the covered person's home address in a confidential document. Requires a county, municipality, or township to establish certain processes to prevent a member of the public from gaining access to the home address of a covered person.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.  
January 14, 2026, reported — Do Pass.  
January 27, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1        SECTION 1. IC 3-9-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.240-2025,  
2 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. **(a)** The following persons, whenever required  
4 to file a report, notice, or other instrument by this article, shall file it  
5 with the county election board of each county comprising part of the  
6 affected election district:

7            (1) Candidates for local office and their candidate's committees.  
8            (2) Candidates for school board office and their candidate's  
9            committees.  
10           (3) Regular party committees that are not required to file with the  
11           election division.  
12           (4) Political action committees that are not required to file with the  
13           election division.

14           **(b) The circuit court clerk of each county shall place a copy of**  
15           **each report, notice, or other instrument filed with the county**  
16           **election board in portable document format:**

17           (1) on the:

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**(A) circuit court clerk's or county election board's website; or**

**(B) county's website, if the circuit court clerk or county**

election board does not have a website, and  
(2) not later than seven (7) days after the later of the  
following:

**(A) The due date of the report, notice, or other instrument that is filed.**

**(B) The date the report, notice, or other instrument is actually filed.**

11 The circuit court clerk is responsible for the posting of a report,  
12 notice, or other instrument under this subsection, regardless of  
13 whether the notice is posted on the circuit court clerk's website, the  
14 county election board's website, or the county's website.

20 SECTION 2. IC 36-1-8.5-1.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.3. As used in this chapter,  
23 "confidential document" means a document or data base that  
24 includes a covered person's home address.

25 SECTION 3. IC 36-1-8.5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020,  
26 SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A covered person who wants to restrict  
28 access to the covered person's home address by means of a public  
29 property data base Internet web site must **may** submit a written request  
30 to the a unit that operates the public property data base Internet web  
31 site to restrict access to the covered person's home address in a  
32 confidential document.

33 (b) A unit that operates a public property data base Internet web site,  
34 directly or through a third party, shall do the following:

35                   **(1) Identify a specific person or department within the unit to**  
36                   **receive a request submitted under subsection (a).**

**37 (2) Publish on the unit's website:**

(A) the name and contact information of the person or department described in subdivision (1); and

**(B) a description of the information required in a request submitted under subsection (a).**

42 (3) Establish a process to prevent a member of the general public



1 from gaining access to the home address of a covered person:  
2       (A) by means of the a public property data base Internet web  
3       site; website; and  
4       (B) in a confidential document that is:  
5           (i) published on a website operated by the unit; or  
6           (ii) otherwise available to a person who is not the  
7       covered person.  
8       (c) In establishing a process under subsection (b), (b)(3), a unit shall  
9       do all of the following:  
10           (1) Determine which person or department of the unit will receive  
11       and process the request. is responsible for maintaining or  
12       publishing a confidential document on a website operated by  
13       the unit.  
14           (2) Provide a method under which a covered person is notified of  
15       the procedure to be used to restrict or allow disclosure of the  
16       home address of the covered person under this chapter.  
17           (3) Ensure that a covered person's home address is, within  
18       five (5) days of receiving a request under subsection (a):  
19           (A) restricted from public access in any public property  
20       data base operated by the unit directly or through a third  
21       party; and  
22           (B) redacted or otherwise restricted from public access in  
23       a confidential document:  
24           (i) published on a website operated by the unit; or  
25           (ii) that is otherwise publicly available to a person who  
26       is not the covered person.  
27           (d) A covered person's home address must be redacted if a  
28       confidential document is responsive to a request under IC 5-14-3  
29       (access to public records).  
30           (f) (e) A unit may charge a covered person a reasonable fee to make  
31       a written request under this section.  
32       SECTION 4. IC 36-1-8.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020,  
33       SECTION 73, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to a covered person  
35       who has submitted a written request under section 7(a) of this chapter.  
36           (b) A unit shall restrict access to the home address of a covered  
37       person until the covered person submits a written request to the unit to  
38       allow public access to the person's home address. on the public  
39       property data base web site. The unit shall take reasonable steps to  
40       verify the authenticity of the written request, including requiring the  
41       covered person to provide appropriate identification.  
42       SECTION 5. IC 36-1-8.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2020,



1 SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to a  
3 covered person who:  
4 (1) after submitting a state address confidentiality form or written  
5 request under section 7(a) of this chapter, obtains a change of  
6 name under IC 34-28-2; and  
7 (2) notifies the unit in writing of the name change.  
8 (b) The unit shall prevent a search by the general public of ~~the a~~  
9 public property data base ~~web site~~ **website** from disclosing or  
10 otherwise associating the covered person's home address with the  
11 covered person's former name and new name.  
12 (c) **The unit shall redact or otherwise restrict the covered**  
13 **person's home address on a confidential document that identifies**  
14 **the covered person's former name and new name.**  
15 (d) The unit may charge a reasonable fee to process a name change  
16 under this section.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Bill 1256, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1256 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1256 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 16, delete "on the circuit court clerk's or county election" and insert "**in portable document format**:

**(1) on the:**

- (A) circuit court clerk's or county election board's website;**  
or
- (B) county's website, if the circuit court clerk or county election board does not have a website; and**

**(2) not later than seven (7) days after the later of the following:**

- (A) The due date of the report, notice, or other instrument that is filed.**
- (B) The date the report, notice, or other instrument is actually filed.**

**The circuit court clerk is responsible for the posting of a report, notice, or other instrument under this subsection, regardless of whether the notice is posted on the circuit court clerk's website, the county election board's website, or the county's website.**

**(c) A covered person (as defined in IC 36-1-8.5-2) may submit a written request under IC 36-1-8.5-7 to restrict access to the covered person's home address by means of a report, notice, or other instrument required to be placed on a website under subsection (b).**

**SECTION 2. IC 36-1-8.5-1.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.3. As used in this chapter, "confidential document" means a document or data base that includes a covered person's home address.**

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SECTION 3. IC 36-1-8.5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020, SECTION 72, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A covered person ~~who wants to restrict access to the covered person's home address by means of a public property data base Internet web site~~ ~~must~~ ~~may~~ submit a written request to the ~~a~~ unit that operates the public property data base Internet web site ~~to restrict access to the covered person's home address in a confidential document~~.

(b) A unit that operates a public property data base Internet web site, directly or through a third party, shall **do the following:**

(1) Identify a specific person or department within the unit to receive a request submitted under subsection (a).

(2) Publish on the unit's website:

(A) the name and contact information of the person or department described in subdivision (1); and

(B) a description of the information required in a request submitted under subsection (a).

(3) Establish a process to prevent a member of the general public from gaining access to the home address of a covered person:

(A) by means of ~~the~~ a public property data base Internet web site; website; and

(B) in a confidential document that is:

(i) published on a website operated by the unit; or

(ii) otherwise available to a person who is not the covered person.

(c) In establishing a process under subsection (b), (b)(3), a unit shall do all of the following:

(1) Determine which person or department of the unit ~~will receive and process the request~~ is responsible for maintaining or publishing a confidential document on a website operated by the unit.

(2) Provide a method under which a covered person is notified of the procedure to be used to restrict or allow disclosure of the home address of the covered person under this chapter.

(3) Ensure that a covered person's home address is, within five (5) days of receiving a request under subsection (a):

(A) restricted from public access in any public property data base operated by the unit directly or through a third party; and

(B) redacted or otherwise restricted from public access in a confidential document:

(i) published on a website operated by the unit; or



**(ii) that is otherwise publicly available to a person who is not the covered person.**

**(d) A covered person's home address must be redacted if a confidential document is responsive to a request under IC 5-14-3 (access to public records).**

**(d) (e)** A unit may charge a covered person a reasonable fee to make a written request under this section.

SECTION 4. IC 36-1-8.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020, SECTION 73, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to a covered person who has submitted a written request under section 7(a) of this chapter.

(b) A unit shall restrict access to the home address of a covered person until the covered person submits a written request to the unit to allow public access to the person's home address. ~~on the public property data base web site~~: The unit shall take reasonable steps to verify the authenticity of the written request, including requiring the covered person to provide appropriate identification.

SECTION 5. IC 36-1-8.5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2020, SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to a covered person who:

(1) after submitting a state address confidentiality form or written request under section 7(a) of this chapter, obtains a change of name under IC 34-28-2; and

(2) notifies the unit in writing of the name change.

(b) The unit shall prevent a search by the general public of ~~the a~~ public property data base ~~web site~~ website from disclosing or otherwise associating the covered person's home address with the covered person's former name and new name.

**(c) The unit shall redact or otherwise restrict the covered person's home address on a confidential document that identifies the covered person's former name and new name.**

**(d)** The unit may charge a reasonable fee to process a name change under this section.".

Page 1, delete line 17.

Delete page 2.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1256 as printed January 14, 2026.)

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