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MR. SPEAKER:

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

- 1 Page 1, line 16, delete "on the circuit court clerk's or county
2 election" and insert "**in portable document format:**
3 **(1) on the:**
4 **(A) circuit court clerk's or county election board's website;**
5 **or**
6 **(B) county's website, if the circuit court clerk or county**
7 **election board does not have a website; and**
8 **(2) not later than seven (7) days after the later of the**
9 **following:**
10 **(A) The due date of the report, notice, or other instrument**
11 **that is filed.**
12 **(B) The date the report, notice, or other instrument is**
13 **actually filed.**
14 **The circuit court clerk is responsible for the posting of a report,**
15 **notice, or other instrument under this subsection, regardless of**
16 **whether the notice is posted on the circuit court clerk's website, the**
17 **county election board's website, or the county's website.**
18 **(c) A covered person (as defined in IC 36-1-8.5-2) may submit**
19 **a written request under IC 36-1-8.5-7 to restrict access to the**
20 **covered person's home address by means of a report, notice, or**
21 **other instrument required to be placed on a website under**
22 **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.**

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:

- 1 (i) published on a website operated by the unit; or
 2 (ii) that is otherwise publicly available to a person who
 3 is not the covered person.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 Page 1, delete line 17.

37 Delete page 2.

38 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

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

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