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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1256

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 27, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Campaign Finance Reports of Local Candidates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Clere
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BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Campaign Finance Reports of Local Candidates*– The bill 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.

Covered Persons' Restriction of Home Address– The bill 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. The bill 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 Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) *Campaign Finance Reports of Local Candidates*– The provision would increase the workload of county circuit court clerks to file and upload the PDF of the report received on the required website under the bill. It is likely the clerks' existing staff would be able to upload these reports.

(Revised) *Covered Persons' Restriction of Home Address*– Local units of government would need to ensure within five days of receiving a request to remove the address of a covered person's address from a public website to remove them. It is likely that although this provision would increase the workload of local units, they would be able to remove the requested addresses within existing staff and resource levels.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Circuit court clerks; local units of government.

Information Sources:

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