

## Chapter 249

H.B. No. 998

### AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information stored as part of the preparation of campaign finance reports required to be filed with the clerk of certain counties or municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) Electronic report data saved in a temporary storage location of the authority with whom the report is filed for later retrieval and editing before the report is filed is confidential and may not be disclosed. After the report is filed with the authority, the information disclosed in the filed report is public information to the extent provided by this title.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

*Dan Claitor*  
President of the Senate

*Joe Straus*  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 998 was passed by the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

*Robert Haney*  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 998 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

*Patsy Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 5-29-2017

Date

*Greg Abbott*  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 11, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** HB998 by Alvarado (Relating to the confidentiality of certain information stored as part of the preparation of campaign finance reports required to be filed with the clerk of certain counties or municipalities.), **As Engrossed**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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**Source Agencies:** 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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**April 12, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Sarah Davis, Chair, House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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