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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to electronic access to public records; amending s. 28.2221, F.S.; requiring each county recorder to ensure that social security numbers, financial account numbers, and the names and addresses of minors are concealed from official records and information made available to the public through the Internet; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 28.2221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28.2221 Electronic access to official records.--

(1) The Legislature finds that a proper and legitimate state purpose is served by providing the public with access to public records and information on the Internet and hereby determines that the provisions of this section fulfill and further an important state interest.

(2) No later than January 1, 2002, the county recorder in each county shall provide a current index of documents recorded in the official records of the county for the period beginning no later than January 1, 1990, on a publicly available Internet website that ~~which~~ shall also contain a document requisition point for obtaining images or copies of the documents reflected in the index and ~~which~~ has the capability of electronically providing the index data to a central statewide search site.

(3) Each county recorder shall use appropriate Internet security measures to ensure that a ~~no person has the~~

1 ~~ability to alter or to modify any public record cannot be~~  
2 ~~altered or modified.~~

3 (4) Unless otherwise provided by law, ~~no~~ information  
4 retrieved electronically pursuant to this section may not  
5 ~~shall be admitted admissible~~ in court as an authenticated  
6 document.

7 (5) By January 1, 2006, each county recorder shall  
8 provide for electronic retrieval, at a minimum, of images of  
9 documents referenced as the index required to be maintained on  
10 the county's official records website by this section.

11 (6) In order to protect the public from the theft of  
12 personal identification information, each county recorder  
13 shall use the most practical means available to conceal from  
14 each copy of records made available through the Internet any  
15 social security number, financial account number, or name and  
16 address of a minor.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
18 law.

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21 SENATE SUMMARY

22 Requires that the county recorder conceal a social  
23 security number, financial account number, or name and  
24 address of a minor contained in any copy of an official  
25 record made available to the public through the Internet.  
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