

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records; amending s.  
 3           112.31446, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
 4           records for certain passwords that are held by the  
 5           Commission on Ethics; providing an exemption of  
 6           certain information entered into an electronic filing  
 7           system for certain purposes; providing an exception;  
 8           providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
 9           the exemption; providing a statement of public  
 10          necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 112.31446, Florida  
 15 Statutes, as created by HB 7021, 2019 Regular Session, is  
 16 created to read:

17           112.31446 Electronic filing system for financial  
 18 disclosure.-

19           (6) (a) All passwords held by the commission for the  
 20 purpose of allowing access to the electronic filing system are  
 21 exempt from s. 119.071(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
 22 Constitution.

23           (b) Information entered in the electronic filing system  
 24 for purposes of financial disclosure is exempt from s.  
 25 119.071(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

26 | Information entered in the electronic filing system is no longer  
27 | exempt once the disclosure of financial interests or statement  
28 | of financial interests is submitted to the commission, or in the  
29 | case of a candidate, filed with a qualifying officer, whichever  
30 | occurs first.

31 | (c) This subsection is subject to the Open Government  
32 | Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
33 | repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from  
34 | repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

35 | Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
36 | necessity that the public's access to passwords, full and public  
37 | disclosure of financial interests, or statement of financial  
38 | interests information be balanced with the filer's interest in  
39 | safeguarding personally sensitive information. The Legislature  
40 | further finds that the unintentional publication of such  
41 | information may subject the filer to identity theft, financial  
42 | harm, or other adverse impacts. For these reasons, the  
43 | Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt such  
44 | information from disclosure.

45 | Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date  
46 | that HB 7021 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
47 | legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
48 | extension thereof and becomes a law.