

House Bill 931

By: Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Reeves of the 99th, Horner of the 3rd,
and Persinger of the 119th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit the State Ethics
3 Commission from posting or publishing on the internet the personally identifying
4 information of judges; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government
9 transparency and campaign finance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
10 follows:

11 "21-5-16.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Judge' means any elected or appointed justice or judge serving in a class of court
14 identified in Title 15.

15 (2) 'Personally identifiable information' means an individual's home phone number,
16 personal cell phone number, and home address.

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17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the
18 contrary, the commission shall not knowingly post or publish on the internet or repost,
19 republish, or otherwise make available on the internet the personally identifiable
20 information of a judge without his or her express written permission."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.