

House File 2255 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2061)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the request for redaction of personally
2 identifiable information from electronic documents displayed
3 for public access by county assessors and county recorders.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.604, subsection 3, paragraph g,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Upon request by a peace officer, as defined in section
4 801.4, civilian employee of a law enforcement agency, or state
5 or federal judicial officer or state or federal prosecutor,
6 United States senator, representative to Congress, statewide
7 elected official, or member of the general assembly, the county
8 assessor or the county assessor's staff, or the county recorder
9 or the county recorder's staff, shall redact the requestor's
10 name contained in electronic documents that are displayed for
11 public access through an internet site.

12 Sec. 2. Section 331.604, subsection 3, paragraph g,
13 subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
14 subparagraph.

15 Sec. 3. SECRETARY OF STATE RECOMMENDATIONS. By November 1,
16 2026, the secretary of state shall submit recommendations to
17 the general assembly on how to protect information containing
18 the personal residence of those seeking election while at the
19 same time verifying the candidate's place of residence for the
20 purpose of meeting any applicable residency requirement.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 Under current law, a peace officer, a civilian employee of a
25 law enforcement agency, a state or federal judicial officer,
26 or state or federal prosecutor may request their name be
27 redacted from documents made public by the county assessor
28 or county recorder. This bill adds United States senators,
29 representatives to Congress, statewide elected officials, and
30 members of the general assembly to this list of people.

31 The bill requires the secretary of the state to submit
32 recommendations to the general assembly on how to protect
33 information containing the personal residence of those seeking
34 election while at the same time verifying the candidate's
35 place of residences for the purpose of meeting any applicable

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1 residency requirement. The recommendations are to be submitted
2 before November 1, 2026.