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AN ACT

To amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the online publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Courthouse Ethics and
3 Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERIODIC TRANSACTION REPORTS AND ONLINE**
5 **PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**
6 **REPORTS OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.**

7 (a) PERIODIC TRANSACTION REPORTING REQUIRE-
8 MENT FOR FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 103(l) of the Ethics
10 in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is
11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(11) Each judicial officer.”.

13 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
14 by paragraph (1) shall apply to applicable trans-
15 actions occurring on or after the date that is 90
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) ONLINE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLO-
18 SURE REPORTS OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.—Sec-
19 tion 105 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5
20 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
22 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

23 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(c) ONLINE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLO-
26 SURE REPORTS OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS.—

1 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—Not
2 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
3 the Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act, the
4 Administrative Office of the United States Courts
5 shall establish a searchable internet database to en-
6 able public access to any report required to be filed
7 by a judicial officer under this title.

8 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date on which a report is required to be
10 filed under this title by a judicial officer, the Admin-
11 istrative Office of the United States Courts shall
12 make the report available on the database estab-
13 lished under paragraph (1) in a full-text searchable,
14 sortable, and downloadable format for access by the
15 public.

16 “(3) REDACTION.—Any report made available
17 on the database established under paragraph (1)
18 shall not contain any information that is redacted in
19 accordance with subsection (b)(3).”.

20 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) Section 103(l) of the Ethics in Government
22 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by sub-
23 section (a)(1)) is amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (9), by striking “, as de-
25 fined under section 109(12)”;

1 (B) in paragraph (10), by striking “, as
2 defined under section 109(13)”.

3 (2) Section 105 of the Ethics in Government
4 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by sub-
5 section (b)) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “be
7 revealing” and inserting “by revealing”; and

8 (B) in subsection (b)—

9 (i) in paragraph (1)—

10 (I) in the first sentence, by strik-
11 ing “be,,” and inserting “be,”; and

12 (II) in the third sentence, by
13 striking “may be may” and inserting
14 “may be, may”; and

15 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
16 “described in section 109(8) or 109(10) of
17 this Act” and inserting “who is a judicial
18 officer or a judicial employee”.

19 (3) Section 107(a)(1) of the Ethics in Govern-
20 ment Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App) is amended in the

- 1 last sentence by striking “and (d)” and inserting
- 2 “and (e)”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 1,
2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.