

**Subject** Data privacy: personal information of judicial officials contained in real property records

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## Overview

In the 2024 judiciary and public safety policy and supplemental finance act, the legislature passed new laws prohibiting the dissemination of certain personal information regarding judges and court staff. See [Laws 2024, ch. 123, art. 12](#). Those laws did not generally affect the status of real property records that might contain personal information about judicial officials.

This bill creates a new statute that would allow judicial officials to require that personal information in their real property records be kept private. It also expands the crime of forgery to include offenses related to improperly accessing the private personal information of judicial officials.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Judicial official data; personal information.</b> Inserts a cross reference to the new statute created in section 4 of the bill.
2	<b>Personal information; dissemination: exceptions.</b> Inserts a cross reference to the new statute created in section 4 of the bill.
3	<b>Removal of personal information; exception.</b> Clarifies an existing exception for real property records, which would be governed by the new statute created in section 4 of the bill.
4	<b>Personal information in real property records.</b> Creates a new statute allowing the personal information of judicial officials contained in real property records to be kept private.

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**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines key terms for this section, many of which cross-reference definitions in the existing statute protecting the personal information of judicial officials.

**Subd. 2. Classification of data.** If notice procedures in subdivision 3 are properly executed, classifies as private the personal information of judicial officials in real property records and authorizes remedies and penalties under chapter 13.

**Subd. 3. Notification.** Provides a procedure for judicial officials to notify keepers of real property records that the judicial official wishes the personal information in those records to be private under subdivision 2.

**Subd. 4. Access to real property records.** Sets forth the specific requirements and exceptions for the property records of a judicial official that are classified as private.

**Subd. 5. Access to personal information in real property records; title examination.** Sets forth the specific requirements for when the property records of a judicial official that are classified as private are subject to a title examination or requested by certain specified persons.

**Subd. 6. Service fees to county recorder or other government entity.** Allows county recorders or others to charge specified fees for certain documents or procedures authorized under this section.

5 **Crime defined; intent to defraud.**

Amends the existing criminal statute for forgery to add the act of falsely procuring the personal information of a judicial official.



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