

**Subject** Judiciary: restricting dissemination of personal information of judicial officials

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## Overview

This bill makes it illegal to publish personal information about Minnesota judicial officials. It provides a mechanism for judicial officials to have their personal information removed from the internet, and it makes it a crime to knowingly publish the personal information of a judicial official with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or physically injure. For government entities, personal information about the judicial officials is classified as private.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Judicial official data; personal information.</b></p> <p>Creates a new section in the Government Data Practices Act classifying the personal information of judicial officials as private data. Civil remedies are only available for a violation of this section if the judicial official previously notified the government entity that he or she was a judicial official eligible for protection under this section.</p>   |
| 2 | <p><b>Personal information; dissemination.</b></p> <p>This creates a new law prohibiting the dissemination of personal information about judicial officials.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Definitions.</b> Defines “judicial official” and “personal information.”</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Dissemination of personal information.</b> Prohibits any person, business, association, or government entity from disseminating personal information of judicial officials. Allows dissemination pursuant to specific authorization in law or with written consent of the official.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Exceptions.</b> Creates exceptions for: speech on matters of public concerns (i.e. news articles where the personal information is relevant); personal</p> |

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	information a judicial official voluntarily disseminates after enactment of the law; and dissemination which is necessary to effectuate a request of a judicial official.
3	<p><b>Removal of personal information.</b></p> <p>Provides a mechanism for judicial officials to seek deletion of personal information published online.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Internet dissemination.</b> Provides that, if a judicial official's personal information is made available online, the official can notify the person responsible by sworn affidavit that the person is a judicial official.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Removal of personal information.</b> Requires removal of the personal information within 30 days and allows a judicial official to seek a court order compelling compliance.</p>
4	<p><b>Publishing personal information of judicial officials.</b></p> <p>Creates a misdemeanor penalty for knowingly publishing the personal information of a judicial official with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or physically injure. It is a felony penalty if the violation also results in bodily harm.</p>



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