

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>Judicial official data; personal information.</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. A notification form is classified as private data.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Personal information; dissemination.</p> <p>This creates a new law prohibiting the dissemination of personal information about judicial officials.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “judicial official” and “personal information.”</p> <p>Subd. 2. Dissemination of personal information. 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>Subd. 3. Exceptions. 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>Removal of personal information.</p> <p>Provides a mechanism for judicial officials to seek deletion of personal information published online.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Internet dissemination. 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>Subd. 2. Removal of personal information. Requires removal of the personal information within 30 days and allows a judicial official to seek a court order compelling compliance.</p>
4	<p>Publishing personal information of judicial officials.</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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