



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0442 - Privacy Protection for Federal Judicial Officers

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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GENERAL COURTS AND PROCEDURE

Privacy protection for federal judicial officers

This bill adds current and former district judges and magistrate judges for federal district courts in this state as well as current and former bankruptcy judges for federal bankruptcy courts in this state to the list of judicial officers to whom certain privacy protections apply. Current law provides, upon written request, certain privacy protections for the personal information of judicial officers. Among other protections, if a government agency receives a written request from a judicial officer, the government agency may not publicly post or display publicly available content that includes a judicial officer's personal information. That information is also exempt from inspection and copying under public records law unless the agency has received consent to make that information available to the public. Under current law, upon written request, a data broker may not knowingly sell, license, trade, purchase, or otherwise make available for consideration the personal information of a judicial officer or a judicial officer's immediate family. Current law also provides that, if the judicial officer has made a written request, no person, business, or association may publicly post or display on the Internet publicly available content that includes the personal information of a judicial officer or the judicial officer's immediate family. The bill allows current and former federal district court judges, magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges in this state to have these protections.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 757.07 (1) (e) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

757.07 (1) (e) 8. A district judge or magistrate judge for a U.S. district court in

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the state of Wisconsin or a bankruptcy judge for a U.S. bankruptcy court in the state of Wisconsin.

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