

1-1 By: Parker, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 2301
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-3 May 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a change of name for participants in the address
 1-20 confidentiality program administered by the office of the attorney
 1-21 general.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 45.102, Family Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-25 (c) A petitioner is not required to provide the street
 1-26 address of the petitioner's place of residence or the petitioner's
 1-27 reason for the requested change of name as otherwise required by
 1-28 Subsection (a) if the petitioner provides a copy of an
 1-29 authorization card certifying in accordance with Article 58.059,
 1-30 Code of Criminal Procedure, that the petitioner is a participant in
 1-31 the address confidentiality program administered by the attorney
 1-32 general under Subchapter B, Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 45.103, Family Code, is amended by
 1-34 adding Subsections (a-1) and (c-1) to read as follows:

1-35 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), it is presumed that a
 1-36 change of name is in the interest or to the benefit of the
 1-37 petitioner and in the interest of the public if the petitioner
 1-38 provides a copy of an authorization card certifying in accordance
 1-39 with Article 58.059, Code of Criminal Procedure, that the
 1-40 petitioner is a participant in the address confidentiality program
 1-41 administered by the attorney general under Subchapter B, Chapter
 1-42 58, Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-43 (c-1) An order issued under this section to change the name
 1-44 of a petitioner described by Subsection (a-1) is confidential and
 1-45 may not be released by the court to any person, regardless of
 1-46 whether the petitioner continues to participate in the address
 1-47 confidentiality program following the change of name under this
 1-48 subchapter.

1-49 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-50 to a petition for a change of name that is submitted on or after the
 1-51 effective date of this Act.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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