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H.B. No. 96

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information
3 in ad valorem tax appraisal records.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (a) This section applies only to:

8 (1) a current or former peace officer as defined by
9 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the spouse or
10 surviving spouse of the peace officer;

11 (2) the adult child of a current peace officer as
12 defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;

13 (3) a current or honorably retired county jailer as
14 defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

15 (4) an employee of the Texas Department of Criminal
16 Justice;

17 (5) a commissioned security officer as defined by
18 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

19 (6) an individual who shows that the individual, the
20 individual's child, or another person in the individual's household
21 is a victim of family violence as defined by Section 71.004, Family
22 Code, by providing:

23 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
24 Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency

1 protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;
2 or

3 (B) other independent documentary evidence
4 necessary to show that the individual, the individual's child, or
5 another person in the individual's household is a victim of family
6 violence;

7 (7) an individual who shows that the individual, the
8 individual's child, or another person in the individual's household
9 is a victim of sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of
10 persons by providing:

11 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
12 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a
13 magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article
14 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

15 (B) other independent documentary evidence
16 necessary to show that the individual, the individual's child, or
17 another person in the individual's household is a victim of sexual
18 assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons;

19 (8) a participant in the address confidentiality
20 program administered by the attorney general under Subchapter B,
21 Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure, who provides proof of
22 certification under Article 58.059, Code of Criminal Procedure;

23 (9) a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a
24 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a state judge, or a
25 family member of a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a
26 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a state judge;

27 (10) a current or former district attorney, criminal

1 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
2 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
3 matters;

4 (11) a current or former employee of a district
5 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
6 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
7 protective services matters;

8 (12) an officer or employee of a community supervision
9 and corrections department established under Chapter 76,
10 Government Code, who performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b)
11 of that code;

12 (13) a criminal investigator of the United States as
13 described by Article 2.122(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

14 (14) a current or honorably retired police officer or
15 inspector of the United States Federal Protective Service;

16 (15) a current or former United States attorney,
17 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
18 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender and
19 the spouse and child of the attorney or public defender;

20 (16) a current or former employee of the office of the
21 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office
22 the duties of which involve law enforcement;

23 (17) a medical examiner or person who performs
24 forensic analysis or testing who is employed by this state or one or
25 more political subdivisions of this state;

26 (18) a current or former member of the United States
27 armed forces who has served in an area that the president of the

1 United States by executive order designates for purposes of 26
2 U.S.C. Section 112 as an area in which armed forces of the United
3 States are or have engaged in combat;

4 (19) a current or former employee of the Texas
5 Juvenile Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of
6 the department;

7 (20) a current or former juvenile probation or
8 supervision officer certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice
9 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,
10 under Title 12, Human Resources Code;

11 (21) a current or former employee of a juvenile
12 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section
13 [261.405](#), Family Code;

14 (22) a current or former employee of the Texas Civil
15 Commitment Office or the predecessor in function of the office or a
16 division of the office;

17 (23) a current or former employee of a federal judge or
18 state judge;

19 (24) a current or former child protective services
20 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
21 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or
22 former employee of a department contractor performing child
23 protective services caseworker, adult protective services
24 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf
25 of the department;

26 (25) an elected public officer; ~~and~~

27 (26) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or

1 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,
2 Health and Safety Code; and
3 (27) a customs and border protection officer or border
4 patrol agent of United States Customs and Border Protection.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.