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S.B. No. 438

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information for a
3 current or former administrative law judge for the State Office of
4 Administrative Hearings.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 552.117, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) In addition to the exceptions provided by Subsection
9 (a), information is excepted from the requirements of Section
10 552.021 if it is information that:

11 (1) relates to the home address, home telephone
12 number, emergency contact information, or social security number of
13 a current or former administrative law judge for the State Office of
14 Administrative Hearings, regardless of whether the person complies
15 with Section 552.024 or 552.1175; or

16 (2) reveals whether a person described by Subdivision
17 (1) has family members.

18 SECTION 2. Section 552.1175, Government Code, is amended by
19 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

20 (a-1) In addition to the individuals described by
21 Subsection (a), this section applies to a current or former
22 administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative
23 Hearings.

24 SECTION 3. Section 25.025, Tax Code, is amended by adding

1 Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

2 (a-2) In addition to the individuals described by
3 Subsection (a), this section applies to a current or former
4 administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative
5 Hearings.

6 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
7 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or
8 an officer on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for
9 information that was received before the effective date of this Act
10 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was
11 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that
12 purpose.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.