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S.B. No. 491

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information in property tax appraisal records.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, as amended by Chapters 76 (S.B. 617), 152 (S.B. 870), 430 (H.B. 1911), 765 (H.B. 4504), and 937 (S.B. 1525), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to:

(1) a current or former peace officer as defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the spouse or surviving spouse of the peace officer;

(2) the adult child of a current peace officer as defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure;

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

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

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

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

1 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
2 Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency
3 protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;
4 or

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

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

13 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
14 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a
15 magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article
16 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

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

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

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

1 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a state judge;

2 (10) a current or former district attorney, criminal
3 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
4 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
5 matters;

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

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

14 (13) a criminal investigator of the United States as
15 described by Article 2A.002(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

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

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

22 (16) a current or former employee of the office of the
23 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office
24 the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed under
25 Chapter 231, Family Code;

26 (17) a medical examiner or person who performs
27 forensic analysis or testing who is employed by this state or one or

1 more political subdivisions of this state;

2 (18) a current or former member of the United States
3 armed forces who has served in an area that the president of the
4 United States by executive order designates for purposes of 26
5 U.S.C. Section 112 as an area in which armed forces of the United
6 States are or have engaged in combat;

7 (19) a current or former employee of the Texas
8 Juvenile Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of
9 the department;

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

14 (21) a current or former employee of a juvenile
15 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section
16 [261.405](#), Family Code;

17 (22) a current or former employee of the Texas Civil
18 Commitment Office or the predecessor in function of the office or a
19 division of the office;

20 (23) a current or former employee of a federal judge or
21 state judge;

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

of the department;

(25) an elected public officer;

(26) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code;

(27) a customs and border protection officer or border patrol agent of United States Customs and Border Protection or the spouse, surviving spouse, or adult child of a customs and border protection officer or border patrol agent;

~~(28) [(27) a current or former attorney for the Department of Family and Protective Services]~~

~~[(27)]~~ a current or former employee or contract staff member of a university health care provider at a corrections facility operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; ~~and~~

~~(29) [(28)]~~ a current or former attorney for the Department of Family and Protective Services; and

(30) an employee of a public defender's office as defined by Article 26.044(a), Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.