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S.B. No. 174

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the confidentiality of information in an application
3 for a marriage license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 552.141 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 552.141. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION IN
8 APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE. (a) Information that relates to
9 the social security number of an individual that is maintained by a
10 county clerk and that is on an application for a marriage license,
11 including information in an application on behalf of an absent
12 applicant and the affidavit of an absent applicant, or is on a
13 document submitted with an application for a marriage license is
14 confidential and may not be disclosed by the county clerk to the
15 public under this chapter.

16 (b) If the county clerk receives a request to make
17 information in a marriage license application available under this
18 chapter, the county clerk shall redact the portion of the
19 application that contains an individual's social security number
20 and release the remainder of the information in the application.

21 SECTION 2. Section 552.141, Government Code, as added by
22 this Act, applies only to an application for a marriage license that
23 is filed on or after September 1, 2003.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.