

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1141
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Local Government Ways & Means
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Due to their roles in the criminal justice system, employees in prosecutors' offices and their families are at risk of retaliation and harassment from criminal defendants. Last session, SB 450 was passed to amend the Public Information Act to make the personal information of these employees confidential upon request at any time. However, SB 450 failed to address Section 25.025 Tax Code relating to information contained in appraisal records.

HB 1141 corrects this oversight by amending the Tax Code to allow employees of certain prosecutors' offices to, upon request, make the address information contained in appraisal records confidential.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.025(a), Tax Code to provide that the section is applicable to employees of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes criminal law or child protective services matters.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date is September 1, 2007, or immediately if approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.