By: Farabee H.B. No. 1237

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1237:

By: Paxton C.S.H.B. No. 1237

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information of a person

- 3 licensed to practice law held by the State Bar of Texas.
- 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 552.1176 to read as follows:
- 7 <u>Sec. 552.1176.</u> CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION
- 8 MAINTAINED BY STATE BAR. (a) Information that relates to the home
- 9 address, home telephone number, electronic mail address, social
- 10 <u>security number, or date of birth of a person licensed to practice</u>
- 11 law in this state that is maintained under Chapter 81 is
- 12 confidential and may not be disclosed to the public under this
- chapter if the person to whom the information relates:
- 14 (1) chooses to restrict public access to the
- 15 information; and
- 16 (2) notifies the State Bar of Texas of the person's
- 17 choice, in writing or electronically, on a form provided by the
- 18 state bar.
- 19 (b) A choice made under Subsection (a) remains valid until
- 20 rescinded in writing or electronically by the person.
- 21 (c) All documents filed with a county clerk and all
- documents filed with a district clerk are exempt from this section.
- 23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.