

1-1 By: Farabee (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 1237
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 26, 2007;
1-3 March 29, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; April 25, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 25, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the confidentiality of certain information of a person
1-9 licensed to practice law held by the State Bar of Texas.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 552.1176 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 552.1176. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION
1-14 MAINTAINED BY STATE BAR. (a) Information that relates to the home
1-15 address, home telephone number, electronic mail address, social
1-16 security number, or date of birth of a person licensed to practice
1-17 law in this state that is maintained under Chapter 81 is
1-18 confidential and may not be disclosed to the public under this
1-19 chapter if the person to whom the information relates:

1-20 (1) chooses to restrict public access to the
1-21 information; and

1-22 (2) notifies the State Bar of Texas of the person's
1-23 choice, in writing or electronically, on a form provided by the
1-24 state bar.

1-25 (b) A choice made under Subsection (a) remains valid until
1-26 rescinded in writing or electronically by the person.

1-27 (c) All documents filed with a county clerk and all
1-28 documents filed with a district clerk are exempt from this section.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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