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H.B. No. 598

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the address displayed on the driver's licenses of
certain federal and state judges and their spouses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.001, Transportation Code, is amended
by adding Subdivisions (3-a) and (8-a) to read as follows:

(3-a) "Federal judge" means:

(A) a judge of a United States court of appeals;

(B) a judge of a United States district court;

(C) a judge of a United States bankruptcy court;

or

(D) a magistrate judge of a United States

district court.

(8-a) "State judge" means:

(A) the judge of an appellate court, a district
court, or a county court at law of this state; or

(B) an associate judge appointed under Chapter
201, Family Code.

SECTION 2. Sections 521.054(a) and (b), Transportation
Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies to a person who:

(1) after applying for or being issued a ~~[the]~~ license
or certificate moves to a new residence ~~[from the]~~ address ~~[stated
in the person's application for a license or certificate];~~

1 (2) has used the procedure under Section 521.121(c)
2 and whose status as a federal judge, a state judge, or the spouse of
3 a federal or state judge becomes inapplicable [~~moves from the~~
4 ~~address shown on the license or certificate held by the person~~]; or

5 (3) changes the person's name by marriage or
6 otherwise.

7 (b) A person subject to this section shall notify the
8 department of the change not later than the 30th day after the date
9 on which the change takes effect and apply for a duplicate license
10 or certificate as provided by Section 521.146. The duplicate
11 license must include the person's current residence address.

12 SECTION 3. Section 521.121, Transportation Code, is amended
13 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
14 follows:

15 (a) The driver's license must include:

16 (1) a distinguishing number assigned by the department
17 to the license holder;

18 (2) a color photograph of the entire face of the
19 holder;

20 (3) the full name and[7] date of birth[~~7~~, ~~and residence~~
21 ~~address~~] of the holder; [~~and~~]

22 (4) a brief description of the holder; and

23 (5) the license holder's residence address or, for a
24 license holder using the procedure under Subsection (c), the street
25 address of the courthouse in which the license holder or license
26 holder's spouse serves as a federal judge or state judge.

27 (c) The department shall establish a procedure for a federal

1 judge, a state judge, or the spouse of a federal or state judge to
2 omit the license holder's residence address on the license and to
3 include, in lieu of that address, the street address of the
4 courthouse in which the license holder or license holder's spouse
5 serves as a federal judge or state judge. In establishing the
6 procedure, the department shall require sufficient documentary
7 evidence to establish the license holder's status as a federal
8 judge, state judge, or the spouse of a federal or state judge.

9 SECTION 4. Section 521.142(c), Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (c) The application must state:

12 (1) the sex of the applicant;

13 (2) the residence address of the applicant, or if the
14 applicant is a federal judge, a state judge, or the spouse of a
15 federal or state judge using the procedure developed under Section
16 521.121(c), the street address of the courthouse in which the
17 applicant or the applicant's spouse serves as a federal judge or a
18 state judge;

19 (3) whether the applicant has been licensed to drive a
20 motor vehicle before;

21 (4) if previously licensed, when and by what state or
22 country;

23 (5) whether that license has been suspended or revoked
24 or a license application denied;

25 (6) the date and reason for the suspension,
26 revocation, or denial;

27 (7) whether the applicant is a citizen of the United

1 States; and

2 (8) the county of residence of the applicant.

3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.