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1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the confidentiality of the home address information of
- 3 the spouses of certain federal judges and certain state judges.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 13.0021, Election Code,
- 6 is amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) If the registration applicant is a federal judge, a [or]
- 8 state judge, or the spouse of a state judge or a federal judge who
- 9 seeks to have the applicant's residence address omitted from the
- 10 registration list, the applicant shall include with the application
- 11 an affidavit stating that the applicant is a federal judge or state
- 12 judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge.
- SECTION 2. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 13.004,
- 14 Election Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 15 (c) The following information furnished on a registration
- 16 application is confidential and does not constitute public
- 17 information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:
- 18 (1) a social security number;
- 19 (2) a Texas driver's license number;
- 20 (3) a number of a personal identification card issued
- 21 by the Department of Public Safety;
- 22 (4) an indication that an applicant is interested in
- 23 working as an election judge; or
- 24 (5) the residence address of the applicant, if the

- 1 applicant is a federal judge or state judge, as defined by Section
- 2 13.0021, or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge, and
- 3 included an affidavit with the registration application under
- 4 Section 13.0021 or the registrar has received an affidavit
- 5 submitted under Section 15.0215.
- 6 (d) The voter registrar or other county official who has
- 7 access to the information furnished on a registration application
- 8 may not post the following information on a website:
- 9 (1) a telephone number;
- 10 (2) a social security number;
- 11 (3) a driver's license number or a number of a personal
- 12 identification card;
- 13 (4) a date of birth; or
- 14 (5) the residence address of a voter who is a federal
- 15 judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, or the spouse
- 16 of a federal judge or state judge, if the voter included an
- 17 affidavit with the application under Section 13.0021 or the
- 18 registrar has received an affidavit submitted under Section
- 19 15.0215.
- SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 15.0215, Election Code,
- 21 is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (b) A federal judge, a [or] state judge, or the spouse of a
- 23 federal judge or state judge who is registered to vote may at any
- 24 time submit to the registrar of the county in which the judge
- 25 resides an affidavit stating that the voter is a federal judge or
- 26 state judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge.
- SECTION 4. Subsection (d), Section 15.081, Election Code,

- 1 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the suspense list may
- 3 not contain the residence address of a voter who is a federal judge,
- 4 <u>a</u> [or] state judge, or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge,
- 5 if the voter included an affidavit with the voter's registration
- 6 application under Section 13.0021 or the registrar received an
- 7 affidavit submitted under Section 15.0215 before the list was
- 8 prepared. In this subsection, "federal judge" and "state judge"
- 9 have the meanings assigned by Section 13.0021.
- 10 SECTION 5. Subsection (c), Section 18.005, Election Code,
- 11 is amended to read as follows:
- 12 (c) The original or supplemental list of registered voters
- 13 may not contain the residence address of a voter who is a federal
- 14 judge, a [or] state judge, or the spouse of a federal judge or state
- 15 judge, if the voter included an affidavit with the voter's
- 16 registration application under Section 13.0021 or the registrar
- 17 received an affidavit submitted under Section 15.0215 before the
- 18 list was prepared. In this subsection, "federal judge" and "state
- 19 judge" have the meanings assigned by Section 13.0021.
- SECTION 6. Subsection (b), Section 18.066, Election Code,
- 21 is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (b) Information furnished under this section may not
- 23 include:
- 24 (1) a voter's social security number; or
- 25 (2) the residence address of a voter who is a federal
- 26 judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, or the spouse
- 27 of a federal judge or state judge, if the voter included an

- 1 affidavit with the voter's registration application under Section
- 2 13.0021 or the applicable registrar has received an affidavit
- 3 submitted under Section 15.0215.
- 4 SECTION 7. Subsection (a), Section 25.025, Tax Code, as
- 5 amended by Chapters 594 (H.B. 41), 621 (H.B. 455), and 851 (H.B.
- 6 1141), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is
- 7 reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) This section applies only to:
- 9 (1) a current or former peace officer as defined by
- 10 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;
- 11 (2) a county jailer as defined by Section 1701.001,
- 12 Occupations Code;
- 13 (3) an employee of the Texas Department of Criminal
- 14 Justice;
- 15 (4) a commissioned security officer as defined by
- 16 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;
- 17 (5) a victim of family violence as defined by Section
- 18 71.004, Family Code, if as a result of the act of family violence
- 19 against the victim, the actor is convicted of a felony or a Class A
- 20 misdemeanor; [and]
- 21 (6) a federal judge, a [or] state judge, or the spouse
- 22 of a federal judge or state judge;
- (7) [(6)] a current or former employee of a district
- 24 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
- 25 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
- 26 protective services matters; and
- (8) $\left[\frac{(6)}{(6)}\right]$ an officer or employee of a community

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- 1 supervision and corrections department established under Chapter
- 2 76, Government Code, who performs a duty described by Section
- 3 76.004(b) of that code.
- 4 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.B	8. No. 281 passed the Senate on
April 21, 2009, by the following v	rote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.I	B. No. 281 passed the House on
May 26, 2009, by the following	vote: Yeas 144, Nays O, one
present not voting.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
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Approved:	
Date	
Governor	