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S.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. Section 13.0021(b), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) If the registration applicant is a federal judge, ~~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.

13 SECTION 2. Sections 13.004(c) and (d), Election Code, are  
14 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.

20 SECTION 3. Section 15.0215(b), Election Code, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (b) A federal judge, ~~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.

27 SECTION 4. Section 15.081(d), Election Code, is amended to

1 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 [~~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. Section 18.005(c), Election Code, is amended to  
11 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, [~~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.

20 SECTION 6. Section 18.066(b), Election Code, is amended to  
21 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. Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, as amended by  
5 Chapters 594 (H.B. 41), 621 (H.B. 455), and 851 (H.B. 1141), Acts of  
6 the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted and  
7 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, ~~or~~ state judge, or the spouse of  
22 a federal judge or state judge;

23 (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

27 (8) ~~(6)~~ an officer or employee of a community

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.