BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law allows appraisal records to be confidential if they contain the address information of certain groups of individuals whose personal safety could be jeopardized if their home address became easily available as a public record.

H.B. 3307 would extend the protections offered by the Tax Code to United States Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorneys and their spouses and children.

Specifically, the bill amends Section 25.025(a) (relating to the persons to whom the section applies), Tax Code, to add current or former United States Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorneys and their spouses and children to those persons who are allowed to restrict public access to appraisal records that identify their home address.

H.B. 3307 amends current law relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information in ad valorem tax appraisal records.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, to include a current or former United States attorney or assistant United States attorney and the spouse and child of the attorney among the persons to whom this section, which concerns individuals for whom information in property tax appraisal records is confidential and only available for the official use of the appraisal district, the state, the comptroller of public accounts, and taxing units and political subdivisions if the records identify the individual's home address and the individual chooses to restrict public access to the information in the records, applies. Makes nonsubstantive changes

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.