

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 270
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2013; February 5, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 March 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman	X			
1-9 Carona			X	
1-10 Hinojosa	X			
1-11 Patrick	X			
1-12 Rodriguez	X			
1-13 Schwertner	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a limited exception to the prohibition on releasing
 1-18 personal information about a juror collected during the jury
 1-19 selection process in certain cases.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Article 35.29, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 Art. 35.29. PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT JURORS. (a) Except
 1-24 as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), information [Information]
 1-25 collected by the court or by a prosecuting attorney during the jury
 1-26 selection process about a person who serves as a juror, including
 1-27 the juror's home address, home telephone number, social security
 1-28 number, driver's license number, and other personal information, is
 1-29 confidential and may not be disclosed by the court, the prosecuting
 1-30 attorney, the defense counsel, or any court personnel.

1-31 (b) On ~~except on~~ application by a party in the trial, or on
 1-32 application by a bona fide member of the news media acting in such
 1-33 capacity, to the court for the disclosure of information described
 1-34 by Subsection (a), the court shall, on ~~in which the person is~~
 1-35 ~~-serving or did serve as a juror. On~~ a showing of good cause, ~~the~~
 1-36 ~~court shall~~ permit disclosure of the information sought.

1-37 (c) The defense counsel may disclose information described
 1-38 by Subsection (a) to successor counsel representing the same
 1-39 defendant in a proceeding under Article 11.071 without application
 1-40 to the court or a showing of good cause.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
 1-42 application for a writ of habeas corpus under Article 11.071, Code
 1-43 of Criminal Procedure, that is pending on the effective date of this
 1-44 Act or filed on or after that date.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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