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H.B. No. 1441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the collection and disclosure of certain grand jury
3 information.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 19.42, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and
9 (c), information collected by the court, court personnel, or
10 prosecuting attorney during the grand jury selection process about
11 a person who serves as a grand juror, including the person's home
12 address, home telephone number, social security number, driver's
13 license number, and other personal information, is confidential and
14 may not be disclosed by the court, court personnel, or prosecuting
15 attorney.

16 (c) The court shall collect statistical information
17 regarding each grand juror's race, gender, and age. The
18 information collected under this subsection must be made available
19 to the public in aggregate form by the court. Any identifying
20 information about a grand juror collected under this subsection
21 must be redacted before the disclosure of the statistical
22 information.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.