

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 457
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties suggest that the inclusion of certain home address information concerning certain family members of a peace officer in local property tax appraisal records defeats the purpose of allowing peace officers to restrict public access to such information about themselves in the records because family members often have the same last name as the peace officer. H.B. 457 enhances the privacy and safety of certain family members of a peace officer by providing for the confidentiality of certain home address information in property tax appraisal records. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 457 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, as follows:

(a) Provides that this section (Confidentiality of Certain Home Address Information) applies only to:

(1) a current or former peace officer as defined by Article 2.12 (Who Are Peace Officers), Code of Criminal Procedure, and the spouse or surviving spouse of the peace officer, rather than to a current or former peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) the adult child of a current peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(3) through (18) redesignates existing subdivisions (2) through (17) as Subdivisions (3) through (18) and makes no further changes to these subdivisions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.