By:  Wray (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3100

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019; May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 16, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Huffman         X

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Creighton       X

Fallon          X

Hall            X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain registered voters.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 13.004(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  The following information furnished on a registration application is confidential and does not constitute public information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:

(1)  a social security number;

(2)  a Texas driver's license number;

(3)  a number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

(4)  an indication that an applicant is interested in working as an election judge;

(5)  the residence address of the applicant, if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, the spouse of a federal judge or state judge, the spouse of a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or an individual to whom Section 552.1175, Government Code, applies and the applicant:

(A)  included an affidavit with the registration application describing the applicant's status under this subdivision, including an affidavit under Section 13.0021 if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge;

(B)  provided the registrar with an affidavit describing the applicant's status under this subdivision, including an affidavit under Section 15.0215 if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge; or

(C)  provided the registrar with a completed form approved by the secretary of state for the purpose of notifying the registrar of the applicant's status under this subdivision;

(6)  the residence address of the applicant, if the applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the applicant's household is a victim of family violence as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code, who provided the registrar with:

(A)  a copy of a protective order issued under Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(B)  other independent documentary evidence necessary to show that the applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the applicant's household is a victim of family violence;

(7)  the residence address of the applicant, if the applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the applicant's household is a victim of sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons who provided the registrar with:

(A)  a copy of a protective order issued under Chapter 7A or Article 6.09, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(B)  other independent documentary evidence necessary to show that the applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the applicant's household is a victim of sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons; or

(8)  the residence address of the applicant, if the applicant:

(A)  is a participant in the address confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under Subchapter C, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(B)  provided the registrar with proof of certification under Article 56.84, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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