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H.B. No. 2435

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of the home or residence address of a state or federal judge or the judge's spouse in certain government records and documents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.025(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Information in appraisal records under Section 25.02 is confidential and is available only for the official use of the appraisal district, this state, the comptroller, and taxing units and political subdivisions of this state if:

(1) the information identifies the home address of a named individual to whom this section applies; and

(2) the individual:

(A) chooses to restrict public access to the information on the form prescribed for that purpose by the comptroller under Section 5.07; or

(B) is a federal or state judge ~~[as defined by Section 572.002, Government Code]~~, or the spouse of a federal or state judge, beginning on the date the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System notifies the appraisal district of the judge's qualification for the judge's office.

SECTION 2. Section 521.121(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c) The department shall establish a procedure, on a license
2 holder's qualification for office as a federal or state judge as
3 defined by Section 13.0021, Election Code [~~572.002, Government~~
4 ~~Code~~], to omit the residence address of the judge and the spouse of
5 the judge on the license holder's license and to include, in lieu of
6 that address, the street address of the courthouse in which the
7 license holder or license holder's spouse serves as a federal judge
8 or state judge.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.