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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Campbell        X

Hall            X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Powell          X

Schwertner                X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to address confidentiality on certain documents for certain federal officials and family members of certain federal officials or federal or state court judges.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.0021.  ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FROM CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE JUDGES, FEDERAL OFFICIALS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS. (a) In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

(b)  If the registration applicant is a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a state judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a state judge, [~~or~~] a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a United States attorney, the registrar of the county shall omit the applicant's residence address from the registration list.

SECTION 2.  Section 13.004(c), Election Code, as amended by Chapters 469 (H.B. 4173), 489 (H.B. 3100), and 1146 (H.B. 2910), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted and 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, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge, a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a 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, or Section 521.1211, Transportation Code, applies and the applicant:

(A)  included an affidavit with the registration application describing the applicant's status under this subdivision, if the applicant is a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge;

(B)  provided the registrar with an affidavit describing the applicant's status under this subdivision, if the applicant is a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a 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 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, 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;

(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 B, Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(B)  provided the registrar with proof of certification under Article 58.059, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(9)  the telephone number of any applicant submitting documentation under Subdivision (5), (6), (7), or (8).

SECTION 3.  Section 13.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 4.  The heading to Section 15.0215, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15.0215.  OMISSION OF ADDRESS FOR FEDERAL [~~JUDGE~~] OR STATE JUDGE, FEDERAL OFFICIAL, AND FAMILY MEMBER [~~SPOUSE~~].

SECTION 5.  Section 15.0215, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

(b)  On receiving notice from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System of the person's qualification for office as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge and of the names [~~name~~] of the judge's or federal official's family members [~~spouse~~], if applicable, the registrar of the county in which the judge resides shall:

(1)  omit from the registration list the residence address of the judge or official and any family members [~~the spouse~~] of the judge or official; and

(2)  prepare a memorandum of the notice, indicating the substance and date of the notification, and retain the memorandum on file with the application.

SECTION 6.  Section 254.0313, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 254.0313.  OMISSION OF ADDRESS FOR JUDGE AND FAMILY MEMBER [~~SPOUSE~~]. (a) In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code [~~"federal judge" and "state judge" have the meanings assigned by Section 13.0021~~].

(b)  On receiving notice from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System of a judge's qualification for office or on receipt of a written request from a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a state judge, or a family member [~~spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, or a state judge, the commission shall remove or redact the residence address of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a state judge, or the family member [~~spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, or a state judge from any report filed by the judge in the judge's capacity or made available on the Internet under this chapter.

SECTION 7.  Section 411.179, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a)  The department by rule shall adopt the form of the license. A license must include:

(1)  a number assigned to the license holder by the department;

(2)  a statement of the period for which the license is effective;

(3)  a photograph of the license holder;

(4)  the license holder's full name, date of birth, hair and eye color, height, weight, and signature;

(5)  the license holder's residence address or, as provided by Subsection (d), the street address of the courthouse in which the license holder or license holder's spouse or parent serves as a federal judge or the license holder serves as a state judge;

(6)  the number of a driver's license or an identification certificate issued to the license holder by the department; and

(7)  the designation "VETERAN" if required under Subsection (e).

(d)  In adopting the form of the license under Subsection (a), the department shall establish a procedure for the license of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, a state judge, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge to omit the license holder's residence address and to include, in lieu of that address, the street address of the courthouse in which the license holder or license holder's spouse or parent serves as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge. In establishing the procedure, the department shall require sufficient documentary evidence to establish the license holder's status as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge.

(f)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 8.  Section 552.117(a), Government Code, as reenacted and amended by Chapters 367 (H.B. 1351), 633 (S.B. 1494), 1146 (H.B. 2910), 1213 (S.B. 662), and 1245 (H.B. 2446), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a)  Information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information that relates to the home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or social security number of the following person or that reveals whether the person has family members:

(1)  a current or former official or employee of a governmental body, except as otherwise provided by Section 552.024;

(2)  a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a security officer commissioned under Section 51.212, Education Code, regardless of whether the officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

(3)  a current or former employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of the department or any division of the department, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.1175;

(4)  a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law, a reserve law enforcement officer, a commissioned deputy game warden, or a corrections officer in a municipal, county, or state penal institution in this state who was killed in the line of duty, regardless of whether the deceased complied with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(5)  a commissioned security officer as defined by Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, regardless of whether the officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

(6)  an officer or employee of a community supervision and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b), regardless of whether the officer or employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(7)  a current or former employee of the office of the attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office the duties of which involve law enforcement, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(8)  a current or former employee of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of the department, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(9)  a current or former juvenile probation or supervision officer certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, or the predecessors in function of the department, under Title 12, Human Resources Code, regardless of whether the current or former officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(10)  a current or former employee of a juvenile justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405, Family Code, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(11)  a current or former member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps, an auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces, or the Texas military forces, as that term is defined by Section 437.001;

(12)  a current or former district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services matters, regardless of whether the current or former attorney complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(13)  a current or former employee of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services matters, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(14)  a current or former employee of the Texas Civil Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or a division of the office, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175; [~~or~~]

(15)  a current or former federal judge or state judge, as those terms are defined by Section 1.005, Election Code, a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a family member [~~spouse~~] of a current or former federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge;

(16)  a current or former child protective services caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator for the Department of Family and Protective Services, regardless of whether the caseworker or investigator complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, or a current or former employee of a department contractor performing child protective services caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf of the department; [~~or~~]

(17) [~~(16)~~]  a state officer elected statewide or a member of the legislature, regardless of whether the officer or member complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

(18) [~~(16)~~]  a current or former United States attorney or assistant United States attorney and the spouse or child of the attorney; or

(19) [~~(16)~~]  a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code, regardless of whether the firefighter or volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services personnel comply with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable.

SECTION 9.  Section 552.117, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 10.  Section 572.035, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 572.035.  REMOVAL OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL JUDGES, STATE JUDGES, AND FAMILY MEMBERS [~~SPOUSES~~]. (a) On receiving notice from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System of the judge's qualification for the judge's office, the commission shall remove or redact from any financial statement, or information derived from a financial statement, that is available to the public the residence address of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a state judge, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, or a state judge.

(b)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 11.  Section 145.007, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d)  On the written request of a municipal court judge of the municipality or a candidate for municipal court judge, the clerk or secretary of the municipality shall remove or redact the residence address of the municipal court judge, municipal court judge's family member [~~spouse~~], or candidate for the office of municipal court judge, from a financial statement filed under this chapter before the financial statement is made available to a member of the public.

(e)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 12.  Section 159.071, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 159.071.  OMISSION OF ADDRESS. (a) In this section:

(1)  "County attorney" means a county attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services matter.

(2)  "Family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

(3)  "State judge" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.005 [~~13.0021~~], Election Code.

(b)  On receiving notice from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System of a county attorney's or state judge's qualifications for office or on receipt of a written request from a county attorney, state judge, spouse of a county attorney, family member of a [~~or~~] state judge, or candidate for the office of county attorney or state judge, the county clerk shall remove or redact the residence address of the county attorney, state judge, spouse of a county attorney, family member of a [~~or~~] state judge, or candidate for the office of county attorney or state judge from any report filed under this chapter by the county attorney, state judge, or candidate before the statement is made available to a member of the public.

SECTION 13.  Section 11.008(j), Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(j)  On receipt of a written request from a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, a state judge as defined by Section 572.002, Government Code, or a family member as defined by Section 31.006, Finance Code, [~~spouse~~] of a federal judge, marshal, attorney, or state judge, the county clerk shall omit or redact from an instrument described by this section that is available in an online database made public by the county clerk, or by a provider with which the county commissioners court contracts to provide the online database, social security number, driver's license number, and residence address of the federal judge, marshal, attorney, state judge, or family member [~~spouse~~] of the federal judge, marshal, attorney, or state judge.

SECTION 14.  Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, as reenacted and amended by Chapters 467 (H.B. 4170), 469 (H.B. 4173), 633 (S.B. 1494), 1213 (S.B. 662), and 1245 (H.B. 2446), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a)  This section applies only to:

(1)  a current or former peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the spouse or surviving spouse of the peace officer;

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

(3)  a county jailer as defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

(4)  an employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(5)  a commissioned security officer as defined by Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

(6)  an individual who shows that the individual, the individual's child, or another person in the individual's household is a victim of family violence as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code, by providing:

(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 individual, the individual's child, or another person in the individual's household is a victim of family violence;

(7)  an individual who shows that the individual, the individual's child, or another person in the individual's household is a victim of sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons by providing:

(A)  a copy of a protective order issued under Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, 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 individual, the individual's child, or another person in the individual's household is a victim of sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons;

(8)  a participant in the address confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under Subchapter B, Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure, who provides proof of certification under Article 58.059, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(9)  a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a state judge, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a state judge;

(10)  a current or former district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services matters;

(11)  a current or former employee of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services matters;

(12)  an officer or employee of a community supervision and corrections department established under Chapter 76, Government Code, who performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b) of that code;

(13)  a criminal investigator of the United States as described by Article 2.122(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

(14)  a police officer or inspector of the United States Federal Protective Service;

(15)  a current or former United States attorney or assistant United States attorney and the spouse and child of the attorney;

(16)  a current or former employee of the office of the attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office the duties of which involve law enforcement;

(17)  a medical examiner or person who performs forensic analysis or testing who is employed by this state or one or more political subdivisions of this state;

(18)  a current or former member of the United States armed forces who has served in an area that the president of the United States by executive order designates for purposes of 26 U.S.C. Section 112 as an area in which armed forces of the United States are or have engaged in combat;

(19)  a current or former employee of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of the department;

(20)  a current or former juvenile probation or supervision officer certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, or the predecessors in function of the department, under Title 12, Human Resources Code;

(21)  a current or former employee of a juvenile justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405, Family Code;

(22)  a current or former employee of the Texas Civil Commitment Office or the predecessor in function of the office or a division of the office; [~~and~~]

(23)  a current or former employee of a federal judge or state judge;

(24)  a current or former child protective services caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or former employee of a department contractor performing child protective services caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf of the department; [~~and~~]

(25) [~~(24)~~]  a state officer elected statewide or a member of the legislature; and

(26) [~~(24)~~]  a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 15.  Section 25.025(a-1), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1)  In this section:

(1)  "Family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

(2)  "Federal judge" means:

(A)  a judge, former judge, or retired judge of a United States court of appeals;

(B)  a judge, former judge, or retired judge of a United States district court;

(C)  a judge, former judge, or retired judge of a United States bankruptcy court; or

(D)  a magistrate judge, former magistrate judge, or retired magistrate judge of a United States district court.

(3) [~~(2)~~]  "State judge" means:

(A)  a judge, former judge, or retired judge of an appellate court, a district court, a statutory probate court, a constitutional county court, or a county court at law of this state;

(B)  an associate judge appointed under Chapter 201, Family Code, or Chapter 54A, Government Code, or a retired associate judge or former associate judge appointed under either law;

(C)  a justice of the peace;

(D)  a master, magistrate, referee, hearing officer, or associate judge appointed under Chapter 54, Government Code; or

(E)  a municipal court judge.

SECTION 16.  Section 521.054, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a)  This section applies to a person who:

(1)  after applying for or being issued a license or certificate moves to a new residence address;

(2)  has used the procedure under Section 521.121(c) and whose status as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, a state judge, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge becomes inapplicable; or

(3)  changes the person's name by marriage or otherwise.

(e)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 17.  Section 521.121, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a)  The driver's license must include:

(1)  a distinguishing number assigned by the department to the license holder;

(2)  a photograph of the entire face of the holder;

(3)  the full name and date of birth of the holder;

(4)  a brief description of the holder; and

(5)  the license holder's residence address or, for a license holder using the procedure under Subsection (c), the street address of the courthouse in which the license holder or license holder's spouse or parent serves as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge.

(c)  The department shall establish a procedure, on a license holder's qualification for or appointment to office as a federal or state judge as defined by Section 1.005 [~~13.0021~~], Election Code, or as a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a United States attorney, to omit the residence address of the judge or official and any family member [~~the spouse~~] of the judge or official on the license holder's license and to include, in lieu of that address, the street address of the courthouse or office building in which the license holder or license holder's spouse or parent serves as a federal [~~judge~~] or state judge or official.

(f)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 18.  Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(c)  The application must state:

(1)  the sex of the applicant;

(2)  the residence address of the applicant, or if the applicant is a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge, or a family member [~~the spouse~~] of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge using the procedure developed under Section 521.121(c), the street address of the courthouse or office building in which the applicant or the applicant's spouse or parent serves as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge;

(3)  whether the applicant has been licensed to drive a motor vehicle before;

(4)  if previously licensed, when and by what state or country;

(5)  whether that license has been suspended or revoked or a license application denied;

(6)  the date and reason for the suspension, revocation, or denial;

(7)  whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States; and

(8)  the county of residence of the applicant.

(j)  In this section, "family member" has the meaning assigned by Section 31.006, Finance Code.

SECTION 19.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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