

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Due to the nature of Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services cases, Texas Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) attorneys are continually subject to harassment, and verbal and physical threats. These threats often come from clients, parents whose children have been removed, and families of adults who have been removed or are subject to investigation for abuse, neglect and exploitation. DFPS attorneys' duties in court makes them particularly susceptible to harassment and threats due to the nature of their work.

S.B. 1525 will amend Chapter 25, Tax Code, to allow DFPS attorneys to keep their home address information private from public appraisal records. This is the same confidentiality already granted to DFPS caseworkers and to district and county attorneys.

As proposed, S.B. 1525 amends current law relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information in property 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, to provide that Section 25.025 (Confidentiality of Certain Home Address Information) applies only to certain people, including a current or former attorney for the Department of Family and Protective Services, and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.