

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 578
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2023; February 17, 2023,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 1, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
1-5 Nays 0; March 1, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hughes	X		
1-9	Paxton	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	LaMantia	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Perry	X		
1-17	Schwertner	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of
1-22 an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 82.011, Family Code, is amended to read
1-25 as follows:

1-26 Sec. 82.011. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. On
1-27 request by an applicant, the court may protect the applicant's
1-28 mailing address and county of residence by rendering an order:

1-29 (1) requiring the applicant to:

1-30 (A) disclose the applicant's mailing address and
1-31 county of residence to the court;

1-32 (B) designate a person to receive on behalf of
1-33 the applicant any notice or documents filed with the court related
1-34 to the application; and

1-35 (C) disclose the designated person's mailing
1-36 address to the court;

1-37 (2) requiring the court clerk to:

1-38 (A) strike the applicant's mailing address and
1-39 county of residence from the public records of the court, if
1-40 applicable; and

1-41 (B) maintain a confidential record of the
1-42 applicant's mailing address and county of residence for use only by
1-43 the court; and

1-44 (3) prohibiting the release of the information to the
1-45 respondent.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 85.007(a), Family Code, is amended to
1-47 read as follows:

1-48 (a) On request by a person protected by an order or member of
1-49 the family or household of a person protected by an order, the court
1-50 may exclude from a protective order:

1-51 (1) the address, county of residence, and telephone
1-52 number of [÷

1-53 [~~(1)~~] a person protected by the order [~~, in which case~~
1-54 ~~the order shall state the county in which the person resides~~]; or

1-55 (2) the address and telephone number of:

1-56 (A) the place of employment or business of a
1-57 person protected by the order; or

1-58 (B) [~~(3)~~] the child-care facility or school a
1-59 child protected by the order attends or in which the child resides.

1-60 SECTION 3. (a) Section 82.011, Family Code, as amended by
1-61 this Act, applies only to an application for a protective order that

2-1 is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application
2-2 for a protective order filed before the effective date of this Act
2-3 is governed by the law in effect on the date the application is
2-4 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-5 (b) Section 85.007, Family Code, as amended by this Act,
2-6 applies to a protective order regardless of whether the protective
2-7 order was rendered before, on, or after the effective date of this
2-8 Act.

2-9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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