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S.B. No. 617

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information  
in ad valorem tax appraisal records.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, is 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 current or honorably retired 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

1 Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency  
2 protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;  
3 or

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

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

12 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under  
13 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a  
14 magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article  
15 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

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

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

24 (9) a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a  
25 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a state judge, or a  
26 family member of a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a  
27 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a state judge;

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

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

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

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

15           (14) a current or honorably retired police officer or  
16 inspector of the United States Federal Protective Service;

17           (15) a current or former United States attorney,  
18 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy  
19 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender and  
20 the spouse and child of the attorney or public defender;

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

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

27           (18) a current or former member of the United States

1 armed forces who has served in an area that the president of the  
2 United States by executive order designates for purposes of 26  
3 U.S.C. Section 112 as an area in which armed forces of the United  
4 States are or have engaged in combat;

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

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

12 (21) a current or former employee of a juvenile  
13 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section  
14 [261.405](#), Family Code;

15 (22) a current or former employee of the Texas Civil  
16 Commitment Office or the predecessor in function of the office or a  
17 division of the office;

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

20 (24) a current or former child protective services  
21 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator  
22 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or  
23 former employee of a department contractor performing child  
24 protective services caseworker, adult protective services  
25 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf  
26 of the department;

27 (25) an elected public officer; [~~and~~]

1           (26) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or  
2 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,  
3 Health and Safety Code; and

4           (27) a customs and border protection officer or border  
5 patrol agent of United States Customs and Border Protection or the  
6 spouse, surviving spouse, or adult child of a customs and border  
7 protection officer or border patrol agent.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.