

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 5093
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain personal identification information is confidential, including the home phone numbers, home addresses, and email addresses of certain license applicants and license holders. The bill author has informed the committee that this means a database of notaries public formerly made available by the secretary of state's office is no longer available. H.B. 5093 seeks to address this issue by allowing the secretary of state's office to disclose the home address, home phone number, and email address of a notary public.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 5093 amends the Government Code to establish that the provisions making a license application or certain personally identifying information of an applicant for a license, an individual who holds a license, or an individual who previously held a license issued by certain governmental bodies that is maintained by the government body confidential and excepting the information from the public-availability requirement under state public information law do not prohibit the secretary of state from disclosing the home address, home telephone number, or email address of a notary public appointed under applicable state law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2025.