

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerns have been raised about the safety of people who work in elections. With it being more challenging to find people to work elections, we must do what we can to protect these individuals. S.B. 1540 adds current or former election officials, employees, volunteers, or designee of an election official, or an employee of the secretary of state's office who performs duties relating to elections to the confidentiality of personal information list.

As proposed, S.B. 1540 amends current law relating to maintaining the confidentiality of the personal information of election officials and their employees.

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 552.1175(a), Government Code, to provide that Section 552.1175 (Exception: Confidentiality of Certain Personal Identifying Information of Peace Officers and Other Officials Performing Sensitive Governmental Functions) applies only to certain persons, including a current or former election official, as defined by Section 1.005 (Definitions), Election Code, or employee, volunteer, or designee of an election official, or an employee of the secretary of state's office who performs duties relating to elections, and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.