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H.B. No. 5080

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information for employees of a county, a court, or the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and the employees' family members.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.0021. ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FROM CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE JUDGES, FEDERAL OFFICIALS, CLERKS, GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES, AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. Section 13.0021(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The registrar of the county shall omit from the registration list the residence address for a [If the] registration applicant who is:

(1) a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge;

(2) [] a state judge;

(3) [] a marshal of the United States Marshals Service;

(4) [] a United States attorney;

(5) a current or former county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk, or a current or former employee of the

office of a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk;

(6) a current or former employee whose duties relate to court administration, including a court clerk, court coordinator, court administrator, law clerk, or staff attorney;

(7) a current or former employee of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities administratively attached to the office;~~[7]~~ or

(8) a family member of a person listed in Subdivisions (1)-(7) ~~[state judge, a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a United States attorney, the registrar of the county shall omit the applicant's residence address from the registration list]~~.

SECTION 3. Section [72.016](#), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 72.016. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR JUDICIAL PRIVACY. The director shall develop a procedure to regularly notify county registrars, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Ethics Commission, and any other state or local government agency the office determines should be notified of the judges, judges' spouses, employees of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities administratively attached to the office, and related family members whose personal information must be kept from public records, as provided under Sections [552.117](#) and [572.035](#) of this code, Sections [13.0021](#) and [15.0215](#), Election Code, Section [25.025](#), Tax Code, and Section [521.121](#), Transportation Code.

SECTION 4. Section [552.117](#), Government Code, is amended by

1 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) Information is excepted from the requirements of
4 Section 552.021 if it is information that relates to the home
5 address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or
6 social security number of the following person or that reveals
7 whether the person has family members:

8 (1) a current or former official or employee of a
9 governmental body, except as otherwise provided by Section 552.024;

10 (2) a current or honorably retired peace officer as
11 defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a current
12 or honorably retired security officer commissioned under Section
13 51.212, Education Code, regardless of whether the officer complies
14 with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

15 (3) a current or former employee of the Texas
16 Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of
17 the department or any division of the department, regardless of
18 whether the current or former employee complies with Section
19 552.1175;

20 (4) a peace officer as defined by Article 2A.001, Code
21 of Criminal Procedure, or other law, a reserve law enforcement
22 officer, a commissioned deputy game warden, or a corrections
23 officer in a municipal, county, or state penal institution in this
24 state who was killed in the line of duty, regardless of whether the
25 deceased complied with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

26 (5) a commissioned security officer as defined by
27 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, regardless of whether the

1 officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

2 (6) an officer or employee of a community supervision
3 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who
4 performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b), regardless of
5 whether the officer or employee complies with Section 552.024 or
6 552.1175;

7 (7) a current or former employee of the office of the
8 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office
9 the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed under
10 Chapter 231, Family Code, regardless of whether the current or
11 former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

12 (8) a current or former employee of the Texas Juvenile
13 Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of the
14 department, regardless of whether the current or former employee
15 complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

16 (9) a current or former juvenile probation or
17 supervision officer certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice
18 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,
19 under Title 12, Human Resources Code, regardless of whether the
20 current or former officer complies with Section 552.024 or
21 552.1175;

22 (10) a current or former employee of a juvenile
23 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section
24 261.405, Family Code, regardless of whether the current or former
25 employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

26 (11) a current or former member of the United States
27 Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps, an auxiliary

1 service of one of those branches of the armed forces, or the Texas
2 military forces, as that term is defined by Section [437.001](#);

3 (12) a current or former district attorney, criminal
4 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
5 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
6 matters, regardless of whether the current or former attorney
7 complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

8 (13) a current or former employee of a district
9 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
10 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
11 protective services matters, regardless of whether the current or
12 former employee complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

13 (14) a current or former employee of the Texas Civil
14 Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or
15 a division of the office, regardless of whether the current or
16 former employee complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

17 (15) a current or former federal judge or state judge,
18 as those terms are defined by Section [1.005](#), Election Code, a
19 federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals
20 Service, a United States attorney, or a family member of a current
21 or former federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a
22 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States
23 attorney, or a state judge;

24 (16) a current or former child protective services
25 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
26 for the Department of Family and Protective Services, regardless of
27 whether the caseworker or investigator complies with Section

1 552.024 or 552.1175, or a current or former employee of a department
2 contractor performing child protective services caseworker, adult
3 protective services caseworker, or investigator functions for the
4 contractor on behalf of the department;

5 (17) an elected public officer, regardless of whether
6 the officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

7 (18) a current or former United States attorney,
8 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
9 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender and
10 the spouse or child of the current or former attorney or public
11 defender, regardless of whether the person complies with Section
12 552.024 or 552.1175; ~~[or]~~

13 (19) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or
14 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,
15 Health and Safety Code, regardless of whether the firefighter or
16 volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services personnel
17 comply with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

18 (20) a current or former county clerk, district clerk,
19 or county and district clerk, or a current or former employee of the
20 office of a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district
21 clerk, regardless of whether the current or former clerk or
22 employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

23 (21) a current or former employee whose duties relate
24 to court administration, including a court clerk, court
25 coordinator, court administrator, law clerk, or staff attorney,
26 regardless of whether the employee complies with Section 552.024 or
27 552.1175; or

1 (22) a current or former employee of the Office of
2 Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities
3 administratively attached to the office, regardless of whether the
4 employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175.

5 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), all ~~[All]~~
6 documents filed with a county clerk and all documents filed with a
7 district clerk are exempt from this section.

8 **(b-1) A county clerk or district clerk on request of a**
9 **person to whom this section applies shall redact information**
10 **described by Subsection (a) that relates to the person from any**
11 **document the clerk posts on an Internet website.**

12 SECTION 5. Section 552.1175, Government Code, is amended by
13 amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to
14 read as follows:

15 (a) This section applies only to:

16 (1) current or honorably retired peace officers as
17 defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, or special
18 investigators as described by Article 2A.002, Code of Criminal
19 Procedure;

20 (2) current or honorably retired county jailers as
21 defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

22 (3) current or former employees of the Texas
23 Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of
24 the department or any division of the department;

25 (4) commissioned security officers as defined by
26 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

27 (5) a current or former district attorney, criminal

1 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
2 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
3 matters;

4 (5-a) a current or former employee of a district
5 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
6 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
7 protective services matters;

8 (6) officers and employees of a community supervision
9 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who perform
10 a duty described by Section 76.004(b);

11 (7) criminal investigators of the United States as
12 described by Article 2A.002(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

13 (8) current or honorably retired police officers and
14 inspectors of the United States Federal Protective Service;

15 (9) current and former employees of the office of the
16 attorney general who are or were assigned to a division of that
17 office the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed
18 under Chapter 231, Family Code;

19 (10) current or former juvenile probation and
20 detention officers certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice
21 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,
22 under Title 12, Human Resources Code;

23 (11) current or former employees of a juvenile justice
24 program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405,
25 Family Code;

26 (12) current or former employees of the Texas Juvenile
27 Justice Department or the predecessors in function of the

1 department;

2 (13) federal judges and state judges as defined by
3 Section 1.005, Election Code;

4 (14) current or former employees of the Texas Civil
5 Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or
6 a division of the office;

7 (15) a current or former member of the United States
8 Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps, an auxiliary
9 service of one of those branches of the armed forces, or the Texas
10 military forces, as that term is defined by Section 437.001;

11 (16) a current or former child protective services
12 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
13 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or
14 former employee of a department contractor performing child
15 protective services caseworker, adult protective services
16 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf
17 of the department;

18 (17) an elected public officer;

19 (18) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or
20 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,
21 Health and Safety Code; ~~and~~

22 (19) a current or former United States attorney,
23 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
24 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender;

25 (20) a current or former county clerk, district clerk,
26 or county and district clerk, or a current or former employee of the
27 office of a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district

1 clerk;

2 (21) a current or former employee whose duties relate
3 to court administration, including a court clerk, court
4 coordinator, court administrator, law clerk, or staff attorney; and

5 (22) a current or former employee of the Office of
6 Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities
7 administratively attached to the office.

8 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (e-1), all ~~[All]~~
9 documents filed with a county clerk and all documents filed with a
10 district clerk are exempt from this section.

11 (e-1) A county clerk or district clerk on request of a
12 person to whom this section applies shall redact information
13 described by Subsection (b) that relates to the person from any
14 document the clerk posts on an Internet website.

15 SECTION 6. Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, as amended by
16 Chapters 76 (S.B. 617), 152 (S.B. 870), 430 (H.B. 1911), 765 (H.B.
17 4504), and 937 (S.B. 1525), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular
18 Session, 2023, is reenacted and further amended to read as follows:

19 (a) This section applies only to:

20 (1) a current or former peace officer as defined by
21 Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the spouse or
22 surviving spouse of the peace officer;

23 (2) the adult child of a current peace officer as
24 defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure;

25 (3) a current or honorably retired county jailer as
26 defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

27 (4) an employee of the Texas Department of Criminal

1 Justice;

2 (5) a commissioned security officer as defined by
3 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

4 (6) an individual who shows that the individual, the
5 individual's child, or another person in the individual's household
6 is a victim of family violence as defined by Section 71.004, Family
7 Code, by providing:

8 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
9 Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency
10 protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;
11 or

12 (B) other independent documentary evidence
13 necessary to show that the individual, the individual's child, or
14 another person in the individual's household is a victim of family
15 violence;

16 (7) an individual who shows that the individual, the
17 individual's child, or another person in the individual's household
18 is a victim of sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of
19 persons by providing:

20 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
21 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a
22 magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article
23 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

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

1 (8) a participant in the address confidentiality
2 program administered by the attorney general under Subchapter B,
3 Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure, who provides proof of
4 certification under Article 58.059, Code of Criminal Procedure;

5 (9) a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a
6 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a state judge, or a
7 family member of a federal judge, a federal bankruptcy judge, a
8 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, or a state judge;

9 (10) a current or former district attorney, criminal
10 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
11 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
12 matters;

13 (11) a current or former employee of a district
14 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
15 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
16 protective services matters;

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

21 (13) a criminal investigator of the United States as
22 described by Article 2A.002(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

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

25 (15) a current or former United States attorney,
26 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
27 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender and

1 the spouse and child of the attorney or public defender;

2 (16) a current or former employee of the office of the
3 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office
4 the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed under
5 Chapter 231, Family Code;

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

9 (18) a current or former member of the United States
10 armed forces who has served in an area that the president of the
11 United States by executive order designates for purposes of 26
12 U.S.C. Section 112 as an area in which armed forces of the United
13 States are or have engaged in combat;

14 (19) a current or former employee of the Texas
15 Juvenile Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of
16 the department;

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

21 (21) a current or former employee of a juvenile
22 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section
23 261.405, Family Code;

24 (22) a current or former employee of the Texas Civil
25 Commitment Office or the predecessor in function of the office or a
26 division of the office;

27 (23) a current or former employee of a federal judge or

1 state judge;

2 (24) a current or former child protective services
3 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
4 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or
5 former employee of a department contractor performing child
6 protective services caseworker, adult protective services
7 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf
8 of the department;

9 (25) an elected public officer;

10 (26) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or
11 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,
12 Health and Safety Code;

13 (27) a customs and border protection officer or border
14 patrol agent of United States Customs and Border Protection or the
15 spouse, surviving spouse, or adult child of a customs and border
16 protection officer or border patrol agent;

17 (28) [~~(27)~~ a current or former attorney for the
18 ~~Department of Family and Protective Services~~]

19 [~~(27)~~] a current or former employee or contract staff
20 member of a university health care provider at a corrections
21 facility operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or
22 the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;

23 (29) [~~and~~]

24 [~~(28)~~] a current or former attorney for the Department
25 of Family and Protective Services;

26 (30) a current or former county clerk, district clerk,
27 or county and district clerk, or a current or former employee of the

office of a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk;

(31) a current or former employee whose duties relate to court administration, including a court clerk, court coordinator, court administrator, law clerk, or staff attorney; and

(32) a current or former employee of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities administratively attached to the office.

SECTION 7. Section 521.121, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(a) The driver's license must include:

(1) a distinguishing number assigned by the department to the license holder;

(2) a photograph of the entire face of the holder;

(3) the full name and date of birth of the holder;

(4) a brief description of the holder; and

(5) the license holder's residence address or, for a license holder using the procedure under Subsection (c):

(A) [7] the street address of the courthouse in which the license holder or license holder's spouse or parent:

(i) serves as a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge; or

(ii) performs duties related to court administration, including a court clerk, court coordinator, court administrator, law clerk, or staff attorney; or

(B) the office address of the office in which the license holder or the license holder's spouse or parent performs duties as an employee of the office of a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk, or of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities administratively attached to the office.

(c) The department shall establish a procedure, on a license holder's qualification for or appointment to office as a federal or state judge as defined by Section 1.005, Election Code, or as a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk, or as a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, ~~or~~ a United States attorney, or for a license holder whose duties relate to court administration, including a court clerk, court coordinator, court administrator, law clerk, or staff attorney, or as an employee of the office of a county clerk, district clerk, or county and district clerk, or of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System and entities administratively attached to the office, to omit the residence address of the judge, ~~or~~ official, or employee and any family member of the judge, ~~or~~ official, or employee on the license holder's license and to print ~~[include]~~, in lieu of that address, the street address of the courthouse or office building in which the license holder or license holder's spouse or parent serves as a federal or state judge, ~~or~~ official, or employee.

(c-1) The residence address of a license holder whose residence address is omitted using the procedure under Subsection (c) is confidential and is available only for the official use of

1 the department or a law enforcement agency.

2 SECTION 8. Not later than November 1, 2026, the Department
3 of Public Safety shall:

4 (1) review the department's processes for
5 implementation of and compliance with Section 521.121,
6 Transportation Code, as amended by this Act; and

7 (2) submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
8 the speaker of the house of representatives, each member of the
9 legislature, and the Texas Judicial Council a written report
10 containing the results of the review, a description of the methods
11 used to prepare the review, and any recommendations for legislative
12 or other action.

13 SECTION 9. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
14 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or
15 an officer on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for
16 information that was received before the effective date of this Act
17 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was
18 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that
19 purpose.

20 SECTION 10. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
21 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
22 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
23 codes.

24 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.