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S.B. No. 1540

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to maintaining the confidentiality of the personal information of election officials and their employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.1175(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to:

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

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

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

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

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

(5-a) a current or former employee of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal

1 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child  
2 protective services matters;

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

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

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

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

14 (10) current or former juvenile probation and  
15 detention officers certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice  
16 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,  
17 under Title 12, Human Resources Code;

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

21 (12) current or former employees of the Texas Juvenile  
22 Justice Department or the predecessors in function of the  
23 department;

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

26 (14) current or former employees of the Texas Civil  
27 Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or

1 a division of the office;

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

6 (16) a current or former child protective services  
7 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator  
8 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or  
9 former employee of a department contractor performing child  
10 protective services caseworker, adult protective services  
11 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf  
12 of the department;

13 (17) an elected public officer;

14 (18) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or  
15 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,  
16 Health and Safety Code; ~~and~~

17 (19) 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; or

20 (20) a current or former election official, as defined  
21 by Section 1.005, Election Code, or employee, volunteer, or  
22 designee of an election official, or an employee of the secretary of  
23 state's office who performs duties relating to elections.

24 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
25 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or  
26 an officer on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for  
27 information that was received before the effective date of this Act

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1 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was  
2 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
3 purpose.

4       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.