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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of  
3 an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 82.011, Family Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 82.011. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. On  
8 request by an applicant, the court shall [may] protect the  
9 applicant's mailing address and county of residence by rendering an  
10 order:

11 (1) requiring the applicant to:

12 (A) disclose the applicant's mailing address and  
13 county of residence to the court;

14 (B) designate a person to receive on behalf of  
15 the applicant any notice or documents filed with the court related  
16 to the application; and

17 (C) disclose the designated person's mailing  
18 address to the court:

19 (2) requiring the court clerk to:

20 (A) strike the applicant's mailing address and  
21 county of residence from the public records of the court, if  
22 applicable; and

23 (B) maintain a confidential record of the  
24 applicant's mailing address and county of residence for use only by

1 the court; and

2 (3) prohibiting the release of the information to the  
3 respondent.

4 SECTION 2. Section 85.007, Family Code, is amended by  
5 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
6 follows:

7 (a) On request by a person protected by an order or an adult  
8 member of the family or household of a person protected by an order,  
9 the court shall [~~may~~] exclude from a protective order:

10 (1) the address, county of residence, and telephone  
11 number of a person protected by the order; or

12 (2) the address and telephone number of:

13 (A) the place of employment or business of a  
14 person protected by the order; or

15 (B) the child-care facility or school a child  
16 protected by the order attends or in which the child resides.

17 (a-1) In a hearing on an application for a protective order,  
18 the court shall inform each person described by Subsection (a) who  
19 is present at the hearing of the person's right, on request, to have  
20 information described by that subsection excluded from the  
21 protective order and specifically ask the person if the person  
22 wishes the court to exclude that information from the protective  
23 order.

24 SECTION 3. Section 87.004, Family Code, is amended by  
25 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

26 (a-1) On request by a person protected by an order, the  
27 court shall keep confidential the changed address or telephone

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1 number in the notification described by Subsection (a). On  
2 granting a request for confidentiality under this subsection, the  
3 court shall order the clerk to maintain a confidential record of the  
4 information as described by Section 85.007(b)(2) and exclude that  
5 information from the notification. If the applicant seeks to keep  
6 confidential the applicant's mailing address, the applicant must:

7           (1) disclose the applicant's mailing address and  
8 county of residence to the court;

9           (2) designate a person to receive on behalf of the  
10 applicant any notice or documents filed with the court related to  
11 the order; and

12           (3) disclose the designated person's mailing address  
13 to the court.

14           SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
15 application for a protective order that is pending on or filed on or  
16 after the effective date of this Act or a notification of change of  
17 address or telephone number that is filed on or after the effective  
18 date of this Act.

19           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.