By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo S.B. No. 431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information for a current or former administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.117, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) In addition to the exceptions provided by Subsection (a), information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information that:

(1) relates to the home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or social security number of a current or former administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings, regardless of whether the person complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175; or

(2) reveals whether a person described by Subdivision (1) has family members.

SECTION 2. Section 552.1175, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) In addition to the individuals described by Subsection (a), this section applies to a current or former administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

SECTION 3. Section 25.025, Tax Code, is amended by adding

Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-2) In addition to the individuals described by Subsection (a), this section applies to a current or former administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a request for information that is received by a governmental body or an officer on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for information that was received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was received, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.