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S.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of the home address information of the spouses of certain federal judges and certain state judges.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the registration applicant is a federal judge, a [ex] state judge, or the spouse of a state judge or a federal judge who seeks to have the applicant's residence address omitted from the registration list, the applicant shall include with the application an affidavit stating that the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge.

SECTION 2. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 13.004, Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The following information furnished on a registration application is confidential and does not constitute public information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:

- (1) a social security number;
- (2) a Texas driver's license number;
- (3) a number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;
- (4) an indication that an applicant is interested in working as an election judge; or
- (5) the residence address of the applicant, if the

1 applicant is a federal judge or state judge, as defined by Section
2 13.0021, or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge, and
3 included an affidavit with the registration application under
4 Section 13.0021 or the registrar has received an affidavit
5 submitted under Section 15.0215.

6 (d) The voter registrar or other county official who has
7 access to the information furnished on a registration application
8 may not post the following information on a website:

- 9 (1) a telephone number;
- 10 (2) a social security number;
- 11 (3) a driver's license number or a number of a personal
12 identification card;
- 13 (4) a date of birth; or
- 14 (5) the residence address of a voter who is a federal
15 judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, or the spouse
16 of a federal judge or state judge, if the voter included an
17 affidavit with the application under Section 13.0021 or the
18 registrar has received an affidavit submitted under Section
19 15.0215.

20 SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 15.0215, Election Code,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 (b) A federal judge, a ~~or~~ state judge, or the spouse of a
23 federal judge or state judge who is registered to vote may at any
24 time submit to the registrar of the county in which the judge
25 resides an affidavit stating that the voter is a federal judge or
26 state judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge.

27 SECTION 4. Subsection (d), Section 15.081, Election Code,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the suspense list may
3 not contain the residence address of a voter who is a federal judge,
4 a ~~or~~ state judge, or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge,
5 if the voter included an affidavit with the voter's registration
6 application under Section 13.0021 or the registrar received an
7 affidavit submitted under Section 15.0215 before the list was
8 prepared. In this subsection, "federal judge" and "state judge"
9 have the meanings assigned by Section 13.0021.

10 SECTION 5. Subsection (c), Section 18.005, Election Code,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 (c) The original or supplemental list of registered voters
13 may not contain the residence address of a voter who is a federal
14 judge, a ~~or~~ state judge, or the spouse of a federal judge or state
15 judge, if the voter included an affidavit with the voter's
16 registration application under Section 13.0021 or the registrar
17 received an affidavit submitted under Section 15.0215 before the
18 list was prepared. In this subsection, "federal judge" and "state
19 judge" have the meanings assigned by Section 13.0021.

20 SECTION 6. Subsection (b), Section 18.066, Election Code,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 (b) Information furnished under this section may not
23 include:

24 (1) a voter's social security number; or

25 (2) the residence address of a voter who is a federal
26 judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021, or the spouse
27 of a federal judge or state judge, if the voter included an

1 affidavit with the voter's registration application under Section
2 13.0021 or the applicable registrar has received an affidavit
3 submitted under Section 15.0215.

4 SECTION 7. Subsection (a), Section 25.025, Tax Code, as
5 amended by Chapters 594 (H.B. 41), 621 (H.B. 455), and 851 (H.B.
6 1141), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is
7 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (a) This section applies only to:

9 (1) a current or former peace officer as defined by
10 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;

11 (2) a county jailer as defined by Section 1701.001,
12 Occupations Code;

13 (3) an employee of the Texas Department of Criminal
14 Justice;

15 (4) a commissioned security officer as defined by
16 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

17 (5) a victim of family violence as defined by Section
18 71.004, Family Code, if as a result of the act of family violence
19 against the victim, the actor is convicted of a felony or a Class A
20 misdemeanor; ~~and~~

21 (6) a federal judge, a ~~or~~ state judge, or the spouse
22 of a federal judge or state judge;

23 (7) ~~(6)~~ a current or former employee of a district
24 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
25 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
26 protective services matters; and

27 (8) ~~(6)~~ an officer or employee of a community

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1 supervision and corrections department established under Chapter
2 76, Government Code, who performs a duty described by Section
3 76.004(b) of that code.

4 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.