

Amend CSHB 670 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, following added Section 22.027, Civil Practice and Remedies Code (page 3, between lines 24 and 25), insert the following:

Sec. 22.28. PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY NEWS MEDIUM. (a) A news medium that distributes a report from a journalist that uses a confidential source for any information must publish and distribute one of the following two disclaimers in conjunction with the report:

(1) "This news report relies on a confidential source and contains confidential information. The name of the confidential source will not be voluntarily disclosed by the journalist. The journalist relying on this confidential source and the news medium distributing this information have NOT checked out the accuracy of this information and make no warranties as to truthfulness of the confidential source or the accuracy of any information obtained from the confidential source."; or

(2) "This news report relies on a confidential source and contains confidential information. The name of the confidential source will not be voluntarily disclosed by the journalist. The journalist relying on this confidential source and the news medium distributing this information have checked and CONFIRMED the accuracy of this information and stand by the truthfulness of the confidential source and the accuracy of all information obtained from the confidential source."

(2) Strike the recital for SECTION 2 of the bill (page 3, lines 25-26), and substitute the following:

Chapter 38, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Articles 38.11, 38.111, and 38.112 to read as follows:

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, following added Article 38.111, Code of Criminal Procedure (page 6, between lines 34 and 35), insert the following:

Art. 38.112. PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY NEWS MEDIUM. (a) A news medium that distributes a report from a journalist that uses a confidential source for any information must publish and distribute one of the following two disclaimers in conjunction with the report:

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