

1-1 By: Huffman, Campbell S.B. No. 2048
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 13, 2015; April 13, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 22, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; April 22, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2048 By: Huffman

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a privilege from disclosure to governmental units for
 1-22 certain evidence concerning sermons delivered by a religious
 1-23 leader.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Title 6, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Chapter 150A to read as follows:

1-27 CHAPTER 150A. DISCOVERY BY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

1-28 Sec. 150A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-29 (1) "Governmental unit" has the meaning assigned by
 1-30 Section 101.001.

1-31 (2) "Religious organization" means an organization
 1-32 that qualifies as a religious organization under Section 11.20, Tax
 1-33 Code.

1-34 (3) "Religious worship" has the meaning assigned by
 1-35 Section 11.20, Tax Code.

1-36 Sec. 150A.002. SERMONS PRIVILEGED FROM DISCLOSURE TO
 1-37 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT. A governmental unit may not, in any civil action
 1-38 or other civil or administrative proceeding to which the
 1-39 governmental unit is a party, compel the production or disclosure
 1-40 of a written copy or audio or video recording of a sermon delivered
 1-41 by a religious leader during religious worship of a religious
 1-42 organization or compel the religious leader to testify regarding
 1-43 the sermon.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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