

1-1 By: Thompson (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 793
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 15, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
Hughes	X			
Paxton	X			
Bettencourt	X			
Birdwell	X			
Hall	X			
Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
Middleton	X			
Parker	X			
Perry	X			
Schwertner	X			
Zaffirini	X			

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

1-21 relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of
1-22 an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 82.011, Family Code, is amended to read
1-25 as follows:

1-26 Sec. 82.011. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. On
1-27 request by an applicant, the court shall [may] protect the
1-28 applicant's mailing address and county of residence by rendering an
1-29 order:

1-30 (1) requiring the applicant to:

1-31 (A) disclose the applicant's mailing address and
1-32 county of residence to the court;

1-33 (B) designate a person to receive on behalf of
1-34 the applicant any notice or documents filed with the court related
1-35 to the application; and

1-36 (C) disclose the designated person's mailing
1-37 address to the court;

1-38 (2) requiring the court clerk to:

1-39 (A) strike the applicant's mailing address and
1-40 county of residence from the public records of the court, if
1-41 applicable; and

1-42 (B) maintain a confidential record of the
1-43 applicant's mailing address and county of residence for use only by
1-44 the court; and

1-45 (3) prohibiting the release of the information to the
1-46 respondent.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 85.007, Family Code, is amended by
1-48 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-49 follows:

1-50 (a) On request by a person protected by an order or an adult
1-51 member of the family or household of a person protected by an order,
1-52 the court shall [may] exclude from a protective order:

1-53 (1) the address, county of residence, and telephone
1-54 number of a person protected by the order; or

1-55 (2) the address and telephone number of:

1-56 (A) the place of employment or business of a
1-57 person protected by the order; or

1-58 (B) the child-care facility or school a child
1-59 protected by the order attends or in which the child resides.

1-60 (a-1) In a hearing on an application for a protective order,

1-61 the court shall inform each person described by Subsection (a) who

2-1 is present at the hearing of the person's right, on request, to have
2-2 information described by that subsection excluded from the
2-3 protective order and specifically ask the person if the person
2-4 wishes the court to exclude that information from the protective
2-5 order.

2-6 SECTION 3. Section 87.004, Family Code, is amended by
2-7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

2-8 (a-1) On request by a person protected by an order, the
2-9 court shall keep confidential the changed address or telephone
2-10 number in the notification described by Subsection (a). On
2-11 granting a request for confidentiality under this subsection, the
2-12 court shall order the clerk to maintain a confidential record of the
2-13 information as described by Section 85.007(b)(2) and exclude that
2-14 information from the notification. If the applicant seeks to keep
2-15 confidential the applicant's mailing address, the applicant must:

2-16 (1) disclose the applicant's mailing address and
2-17 county of residence to the court;

2-18 (2) designate a person to receive on behalf of the
2-19 applicant any notice or documents filed with the court related to
2-20 the order; and

2-21 (3) disclose the designated person's mailing address
2-22 to the court.

2-23 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
2-24 application for a protective order that is pending on or filed on or
2-25 after the effective date of this Act or a notification of change of
2-26 address or telephone number that is filed on or after the effective
2-27 date of this Act.

2-28 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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