

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1540
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 April 10, 2025, re-referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-5 April 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-6 Nays 0; April 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Paxton	X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X		
1-12	Birdwell	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker	X		
1-17	Perry		X	
1-18	Schwertner	X		
1-19	Zaffirini	X		

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to maintaining the confidentiality of the personal
1-23 information of election officials and their employees.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 552.1175(a), Government Code, is amended
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (a) This section applies only to:

1-28 (1) current or honorably retired peace officers as
1-29 defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, or special
1-30 investigators as described by Article 2A.002, Code of Criminal
1-31 Procedure;

1-32 (2) current or honorably retired county jailers as
1-33 defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

1-34 (3) current or former employees of the Texas
1-35 Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of
1-36 the department or any division of the department;

1-37 (4) commissioned security officers as defined by
1-38 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

1-39 (5) a current or former district attorney, criminal
1-40 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
1-41 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
1-42 matters;

1-43 (5-a) a current or former employee of a district
1-44 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
1-45 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
1-46 protective services matters;

1-47 (6) officers and employees of a community supervision
1-48 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who perform
1-49 a duty described by Section 76.004(b);

1-50 (7) criminal investigators of the United States as
1-51 described by Article 2A.002(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

1-52 (8) current or honorably retired police officers and
1-53 inspectors of the United States Federal Protective Service;

1-54 (9) current and former employees of the office of the
1-55 attorney general who are or were assigned to a division of that
1-56 office the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed
1-57 under Chapter 231, Family Code;

1-58 (10) current or former juvenile probation and
1-59 detention officers certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice
1-60 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,
1-61 under Title 12, Human Resources Code;

2-1 (11) current or former employees of a juvenile justice
 2-2 program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405,
 2-3 Family Code;
 2-4 (12) current or former employees of the Texas Juvenile
 2-5 Justice Department or the predecessors in function of the
 2-6 department;
 2-7 (13) federal judges and state judges as defined by
 2-8 Section 1.005, Election Code;
 2-9 (14) current or former employees of the Texas Civil
 2-10 Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or
 2-11 a division of the office;
 2-12 (15) a current or former member of the United States
 2-13 Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps, an auxiliary
 2-14 service of one of those branches of the armed forces, or the Texas
 2-15 military forces, as that term is defined by Section 437.001;
 2-16 (16) a current or former child protective services
 2-17 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
 2-18 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or
 2-19 former employee of a department contractor performing child
 2-20 protective services caseworker, adult protective services
 2-21 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf
 2-22 of the department;
 2-23 (17) an elected public officer;
 2-24 (18) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or
 2-25 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003,
 2-26 Health and Safety Code; ~~and~~
 2-27 (19) a current or former United States attorney,
 2-28 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
 2-29 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender; or
 2-30 (20) a current or former election official, as defined
 2-31 by Section 1.005, Election Code, or employee, volunteer, or
 2-32 designee of an election official, or an employee of the secretary of
 2-33 state's office who performs duties relating to elections.
 2-34 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 2-35 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or
 2-36 an officer on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for
 2-37 information that was received before the effective date of this Act
 2-38 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was
 2-39 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 2-40 purpose.
 2-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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