

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Amended)

AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Due to their roles in the criminal justice system, certain law enforcement personnel and their families are at risk of retaliation and harassment from criminal defendants. Currently, certain law enforcement personnel and Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees may choose to make confidential their personal information such as home address, home telephone number, social security number and family information. Employees in prosecutors' offices face a similar risk of retaliation and harassment. As proposed, S.B. 450 would make confidential the personal information of employees of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney whose jurisdiction includes criminal law matters.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends the heading to Section 552.1175, Government Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 552.1175. CONFIDENTIALITY OF ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, AND PERSONAL FAMILY INFORMATION OF PEACE OFFICERS, COUNTY JAILERS, SECURITY OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR A PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 552.1175(a), Government Code, to provide that the section is applicable to employees of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services matters.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.

LIST OF AMENDMENTS

Committee Amendment No. 1

(1) Amend page 2, line 2.

Committee Amendment No. 2

(1) Amend page 2, line 1.