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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Due to their roles in the criminal justice system, employees in prosecutors' offices and their families are at risk of retaliation and harassment from criminal defendants. In the 78th Legislative Session, S.B. 450 was enacted to amend the Public Information Act to make the personal information of these employees confidential upon request. However, this statute did not address Section 25.025 (Confidentiality of Violence Shelter Center and Sexual Assault Program Address Information), Tax Code, relating to information contained in appraisal records.

C.S.H.B. 1141 authorizes employees of certain prosecutors' offices to make the address information contained in appraisal records confidential upon request.

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 Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, to include a current or former peace officer as defined by Article 2.12 (Who Are Peace Officers), Code of Criminal Procedure, and a current or former employee of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protection services matters under the list of certain persons to which this section (Confidentiality of Violence Shelter Center and Sexual Assault Program Address Information), applies. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.