

**SUBJECT:** Making confidential certain information about elected officials, legislators

**COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 12 ayes — Phelan, Hernandez, Deshotel, Guerra, Harless, Holland,  
Hunter, P. King, Parker, E. Rodriguez, Smithee, Springer

0 nays

1 absent — Raymond

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 26 — 30-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

**WITNESSES:** None

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that due to the public nature of their service members of the Legislature and statewide elected officials could face potential security risks related to the release of certain personal information under state public information laws.

**DIGEST:** SB 662 would except from the public availability requirement of state public information law information related to the home address, phone number, emergency contact, or Social Security number of a statewide elected officer or member of the Legislature. Information that revealed whether elected officials or legislators had family members also would be made confidential.

Statutory provisions on the confidentiality of certain personal identifying information of peace officers and other officials performing sensitive governmental functions would apply to statewide elected officials and legislators.

The bill also would make statutory provisions relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information in appraisal records applicable to such officials and legislators.

To the extent of any conflict, SB 662 would prevail over another bill of the 86th Legislature relating to non-substantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019. The bill would apply only to a request for information received on or after the effective date.