

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Home addresses are publicly available through voter registration records. Currently, judges and their spouses can request that their home addresses not be publicly available through voter registration records. Although these same protections are provided to peace officers, their spouses are not covered by the law. This creates a loophole that makes it easy for bad actors to find the address of a peace officer using the voter registration records of the peace officer's spouse.

H.B. 3100 would allow peace officers' spouses to request that their home addresses not be publicly available through voter registration information. This would ensure their personal information remains confidential, thereby protecting them and their families.

H.B. 3100 amends current law relating to the confidentiality of certain registered voters.

### **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 13.004(c), Election Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that the following information furnished on a registration application is confidential and does not constitute public information for purposes of Chapter 552 (Public Information), Government Code:

(1)–(4) makes no changes to these subdivisions;

(5) the residence address of the applicant, if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge, as defined by Section 13.0021 (Additional Registration Information From Certain Federal and State Judges), the spouse of a federal judge or state judge, the spouse of a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12 (Who Are Peace Officers), Code of Criminal Procedure, or an individual to whom Section 552.1175 (Confidentiality of Certain Personal Identifying Information of Peace Officers, Employees of Certain State Agencies or Offices, and Federal and State Judges), Government Code, applies and the applicant performs certain actions. Makes no further changes to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.