

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

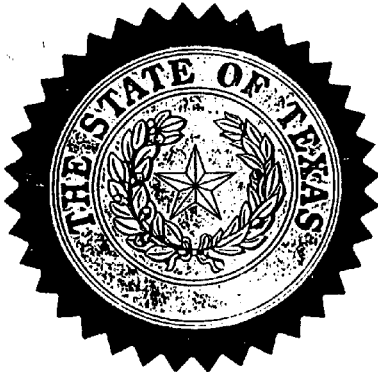
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1415 passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1415 would exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act the criminal records of some offenders who receive deferred adjudication and successfully complete their probationary period. These records would be automatically sealed from public access five to ten years after the completion of a probationary period, depending on the severity of the crime.

The Public Information Act is an important tool in the checks and balances on government, and restrictions on citizens' access to government records should not be made lightly. The closure of criminal records is particularly worrisome because it may jeopardize public safety.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2001.

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Henry Cuellar
Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

June 17, 2001
Austin, Texas

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