

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

When a person provides the person's Social Security number for purposes of obtaining a driver's license, that number can be used in limited ways and disclosed to specified entities designated in the statutes. H.B. 2512 seeks to add the secretary of state (SOS) to the entities to which the Social Security number may be disclosed and to limit SOS's use of the number to the purposes of voter registration and the administration of elections.

H.B. 2512 amends the Transportation Code to include SOS, for the purposes of voter registration or the administration of elections, among the limited entities to which information provided on a driver's license application relating to the applicant's Social Security number may be disclosed and requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to disclose such information on request of SOS. The bill includes voter registration or the administration of elections by SOS among the matters for which disclosure of personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record is required. The bill establishes that statutory provisions relating to the permitted disclosure of certain personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record do not prohibit the disclosure of a person's photographic image to SOS for the purposes of voter registration or the administration of elections.

H.B. 2512 amends current law relating to the disclosure of certain information to the secretary of state for use in voter registration or the administration of elections.

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 Sections 521.044(a) and (c), Transportation Code, as follows:

- (a) Authorizes information provided on a driver's license application that relates to the applicant's social security number to be used only by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) or disclosed only to certain persons, including the secretary of state (SOS) for the purposes of voter registration or the administration of elections.
- (c) Requires DPS, on the request of a state entity responsible for investigating or enforcing the payment of child support or SOS, to disclose information regarding an applicant's social security number.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 730.005, Transportation Code, to require that personal information obtained by an agency in connection with a motor vehicle record be disclosed for use in connection with any matter of issues, including voter registration or the administration of elections by SOS.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.