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CHAPTER 125

SENATE BILL 1061

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-483, 11-484, 13-2401, 16-153, 28-454, 39-123 AND 39-124, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: 2 Section 1. Section 11-483, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read: 4 11-483. <u>Records</u> maintained by county recorder: 5 confidentiality; definitions 6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, in any Α. 7 county an eligible person may request that the general public be 8 prohibited from accessing the unique identifier and the recording date 9 contained in indexes of recorded instruments maintained by the county recorder and may request the county recorder to prohibit access to that 10 11 person's identifying information, including any of THE FOLLOWING: 12 1. That person's documents, instruments or writings recorded by the 13 county recorder. 14 2. IF THE PERSON IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, THE ADDRESS OF A PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL. 15 16 B. An eligible person may request this action by filing an 17 affidavit that states all of the following on an application form 18 developed by the administrative office of the courts in agreement with an 19 association of counties, an organization of peace officers and the motor 20 vehicle division of the department of transportation: 21 1. The person's full legal name and residential address. 22 2. The full legal description and parcel number of the person's 23 property. 24 3. Unless the person is the spouse of a peace officer or the spouse 25 or minor child of a deceased peace officer or the person is a former 26 public official or former judge, the position the person currently holds and a description of the person's duties, except that an eligible person 27 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against 28 29 harassment shall instead attach a copy of the order of protection or injunction against harassment or an eligible person who is a participant 30 31 in the address confidentiality program shall instead attach a copy of the 32 participant's current and valid address confidentiality program authorization card issued pursuant to section 41-163 and a statement of 33 certification provided by the secretary of state's office. 34 35 4. The reasons the person reasonably believes that the person's 36 life or safety or that of another person is in danger and that restricting 37 access pursuant to this section will serve to reduce the danger. 38 5. The document locator number and recording date of each instrument for which the person requests access restriction pursuant to 39 40 this section. 41 6. A copy of pages from each instrument that includes the document 42 locator number and the person's identifying information, including the 43 person's full legal name and residential address or full legal name and 44 telephone number.

C. If an eligible person is also requesting pursuant to section 11-484 that the general public be prohibited from accessing records maintained by the county assessor and county treasurer, the eligible person may combine the request pursuant to subsection B of this section with the request pursuant to section 11-484 by filing one affidavit. The affidavit and subsequent action by the appropriate authorities shall meet all of the requirements of this section and section 11-484.

8 D. The affidavit shall be filed with the presiding judge of the 9 superior court in the county in which the affiant resides. To prevent multiple filings, an eligible person who is a peace officer, spouse of a 10 11 peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, public 12 defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, corrections or detention 13 officer, corrections support staff member or law enforcement support staff 14 member shall deliver the affidavit to the peace officer's commanding 15 officer, or to the head of the prosecuting, public defender, code 16 enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or detention agency, as 17 applicable, or that person's designee, who shall file the affidavits at 18 one time. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for 19 immediate action and that is supported by facts justifying an earlier 20 presentation, the commanding officer, or the head of the prosecuting, 21 public defender, code enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or 22 detention agency, as applicable, or that person's designee, shall not file 23 affidavits more often than quarterly.

E. On receipt of an affidavit or affidavits, the presiding judge of the superior court shall file with the clerk of the superior court a petition on behalf of all requesting affiants. Each affidavit presented shall be attached to the petition. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for immediate action and that is supported by facts justifying an earlier consideration, the presiding judge may accumulate affidavits and file a petition at the end of each quarter.

31 F. The presiding judge of the superior court shall review the 32 petition and each attached affidavit to determine whether the action requested by each affiant should be granted. If the presiding judge of 33 34 the superior court concludes that the action requested by the affiant will 35 reduce a danger to the life or safety of the affiant or another person, 36 the presiding judge of the superior court shall order that the county 37 recorder prohibit access for five years to the affiant's identifying information, including any of that person's documents, instruments or 38 39 writings recorded by the county recorder and made available on the 40 internet. If the presiding judge of the superior court concludes that the 41 affiant or another person is in actual danger of physical harm from a person or persons with whom the affiant has had official dealings and that 42 43 action pursuant to this section will reduce a danger to the life or safety of the affiant or another person, the presiding judge of the superior 44 45 court shall order that the general public be prohibited for five years

1 from accessing the unique identifier and the recording date contained in 2 indexes of recorded instruments maintained by the county recorder and 3 identified pursuant to subsection B of this section.

4 G. On motion to the court, if the presiding judge of the superior 5 court concludes that an instrument or writing recorded by the county 6 recorder has been redacted or sealed in error, that the original affiant 7 no longer lives at the address listed in the original affidavit, that the 8 cause for the original affidavit no longer exists or that temporary access 9 to the instrument or writing is needed, the presiding judge may temporarily stay or permanently vacate all or part of the court order 10 11 prohibiting public access to the recorded instrument or writing.

H. On entry of the court order, the clerk of the superior court shall file the court order and a copy of the affidavit required by subsection B of this section with the county recorder. Not more than ten days after the date on which the county recorder receives the court order, the county recorder shall restrict access to the information as required by subsection F of this section.

18 I. If the court denies an affiant's request pursuant to this 19 section, the affiant may request a court hearing. The hearing shall be 20 conducted by the court in the county where the petition was filed.

21 J. The county recorder shall remove the restrictions on all records 22 restricted pursuant to this section by January 5 in the year after the 23 court order expires. The county recorder shall send by mail one notice to 24 either the ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child of a 25 deceased peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement 26 officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff 27 member, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department 28 29 of child safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact with families in the course of employment or the employing agency 30 31 of a peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff member, law 32 33 enforcement support staff member or employee of adult protective services who was granted an order pursuant to this section of the order's 34 35 expiration date at least six months before the expiration date. If the 36 notice is sent to the employing agency, the employing agency shall immediately notify the person who was granted the order of the upcoming 37 38 expiration date. The county recorder may coordinate with the county 39 assessor and county treasurer to prevent multiple notices from being sent 40 to the same person.

41 K. To include subsequent recordings in the court order, the 42 eligible person shall present to the county recorder at the time of 43 recordation a certified copy of the court order or shall provide to the 44 county recorder the recording number of the court order. The county 1 recorder shall ensure that public access is restricted pursuant to 2 subsection A of this section.

L. This section does not restrict access to public records for the purposes of perfecting a lien pursuant to title 12, chapter 9, article 2.

5 M. This section does not prohibit access to the records of the 6 county recorder by parties to the instrument, a law enforcement officer 7 performing the officer's official duties pursuant to subsection N of this 8 section, a title insurer, a title insurance agent or an escrow agent 9 licensed by the department of insurance and financial institutions.

10 N. A law enforcement officer is deemed to be performing the 11 officer's official duties if the officer provides a subpoena, court order 12 or search warrant for the records.

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0. For the purposes of this section:

14 1. "Code enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by a 15 state or local government and whose duties include performing field 16 inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with 17 and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.

18 2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or 19 municipal court.

20 3. "Corrections support staff member" means an adult or juvenile 21 corrections employee who has direct contact with inmates.

4. "ELECTION OFFICER" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE
WHO HOLDS AN ELECTION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION
16-407.

25 4. 5. "Eligible person" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC 26 OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, justice, 27 judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, prosecutor, code 28 29 enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections officer, corrections support staff member, probation officer, member of the commission on 30 31 appellate court appointments, member of the board of executive clemency, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department of child 32 safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact 33 34 with families in the course of employment, national guard member who is 35 acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person who is protected 36 under an order of protection or injunction against harassment, person who 37 is a participant in the address confidentiality program pursuant to title 41, chapter 1, article 3 or firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona 38 39 counter terrorism information center in the department of public safety.

40 5. 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected 41 or appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who 42 ceased serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous 43 offense as defined in section 13-105 while in office.

44 6. 7. "Hearing officer" means a hearing officer who is appointed 45 pursuant to section 28-1553. 1 7.8. "Indexes" means only those indexes that are maintained by 2 and located in the office of the county recorder, that are accessed 3 electronically and that contain information beginning from and after 4 January 1, 1987.

5 8. 9. "Judge" means a judge or former judge of the United States 6 district court, the United States court of appeals, the United States 7 magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States 8 immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a 9 municipal court.

10 9. 10. "Justice" means a justice of the United States or Arizona 11 supreme court or a justice of the peace.

12 10. 11. "Law enforcement support staff member" means a person who 13 serves in the role of an investigator or prosecutorial assistant in an 14 agency that investigates or prosecutes crimes, who is integral to the 15 investigation or prosecution of crimes and whose name or identity will be 16 revealed in the course of public proceedings.

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11. 12. "Peace officer":

18 (a) Means any person vested by law, or formerly vested by law, with19 a duty to maintain public order and make arrests.

20 (b) Includes a federal law enforcement officer or agent who resides 21 in this state and who has the power to make arrests pursuant to federal 22 law.

12. 13. "Prosecutor" means a current or former county attorney,
 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and
 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney,
 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

13. 14. "Public defender" means a federal public defender, county
public defender, county legal defender or county contract indigent defense
counsel and includes an assistant or deputy federal public defender,
county public defender or county legal defender.

15. "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS DULY ELECTED OR
 APPOINTED TO CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATURE, A STATEWIDE OFFICE OR A COUNTY,
 CITY OR TOWN OFFICE.

34 Sec. 2. Section 11-484, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 35 read:

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11-484. <u>Records maintained by county assessor and county</u> <u>treasurer; redaction; definitions</u>

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, in any county an eligible person may request that the general public be prohibited from accessing that person's identifying information, including any of THE FOLLOWING:

42 1. That person's documents, instruments, writings and information
43 maintained by the county assessor and the county treasurer.

44 2. IF THE PERSON IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, THE ADDRESS OF A PROPERTY45 HELD IN TRUST BY THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

B. An eligible person may request this action by filing an affidavit that states all of the following on an application form developed by the administrative office of the courts in agreement with an association of counties, an organization of peace officers and the motor vehicle division of the department of transportation:

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1. The person's full legal name and residential address.

7 2. The full legal description and parcel number of the person's 8 property.

9 3. Unless the person is the spouse of a peace officer or the spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer or the person is a former 10 11 public official or former judge, the position the person currently holds 12 and a description of the person's duties, except that an eligible person 13 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against harassment shall attach a copy of the order of protection or injunction 14 against harassment or an eligible person who is a participant in the 15 16 address confidentiality program shall instead attach a copy of the 17 valid participant's current and address confidentiality program 18 authorization card issued pursuant to section 41-163 and a statement of 19 certification provided by the secretary of state's office.

4. The reasons the person reasonably believes that the person's life or safety or that of another person is in danger and that redacting the person's identifying information, including the residential address and telephone number, will serve to reduce the danger.

C. If an eligible person is also requesting pursuant to section 11-483 that the general public be prohibited from accessing records maintained by the county recorder, the eligible person may combine the request pursuant to subsection B of this section with the request pursuant to section 11-483 by filing one affidavit. The affidavit and subsequent action by the appropriate authorities shall meet all of the requirements of this section and section 11-483.

31 D. The affidavit shall be filed with the presiding judge of the 32 superior court in the county in which the affiant resides. To prevent 33 multiple filings, an eligible person who is a peace officer, spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, public 34 35 defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, corrections or detention 36 officer, corrections support staff member or law enforcement support staff 37 member shall deliver the affidavit to the peace officer's commanding 38 officer, or to the head of the prosecuting, public defender, code 39 enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or detention agency, as 40 applicable, or that person's designee, who shall file the affidavits at 41 one time. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for immediate action and that is supported by facts justifying an earlier 42 43 presentation, the commanding officer, or the head of the prosecuting, public defender, code enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or 44

1 detention agency, as applicable, or that person's designee, shall not file 2 affidavits more often than quarterly.

E. On receipt of an affidavit or affidavits, the presiding judge of the superior court shall file with the clerk of the superior court a petition on behalf of all requesting affiants. Each affidavit presented shall be attached to the petition. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for immediate action and that is supported by facts justifying an earlier consideration, the presiding judge may accumulate affidavits and file a petition at the end of each quarter.

10 The presiding judge of the superior court shall review the F. 11 petition and each attached affidavit to determine whether the action 12 requested by each affiant should be granted. If the presiding judge of 13 the superior court concludes that the action requested by the affiant will 14 reduce a danger to the life or safety of the affiant or another person, the presiding judge of the superior court shall order the redaction of the 15 16 affiant's identifying information, including any of that person's 17 documents, instruments, writings and information maintained by the county 18 assessor and the county treasurer. The redaction shall be in effect for 19 five years.

20 G. On motion to the court, if the presiding judge of the superior 21 court concludes that an instrument or writing maintained by the county 22 assessor or the county treasurer has been redacted or sealed in error, that the original affiant no longer lives at the address listed in the 23 24 original affidavit, that the cause for the original affidavit no longer 25 exists or that temporary access to the instrument or writing is needed, 26 the presiding judge may temporarily stay or permanently vacate all or part 27 of the court order prohibiting public access to the instrument or writing.

H. On entry of the court order, the clerk of the superior court shall file the court order and a copy of the affidavit required by subsection B of this section with the county assessor and the county treasurer. Not more than ten days after the date on which the county assessor and the county treasurer receive the court order, the county assessor and the county treasurer shall restrict access to the information as required by subsection F of this section.

I. If the court denies an affiant's request pursuant to this section, the affiant may request a court hearing. The hearing shall be conducted by the court in the county where the petition was filed.

J. The county assessor and the county treasurer shall remove the 38 restrictions on all records that are redacted pursuant to this section by 39 40 January 5 in the year after the court order expires. The county assessor 41 or the county treasurer shall send by mail one notice to either the ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, 42 43 spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace 44 officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, 45 corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff member, law

1 enforcement support staff member, employee of the department of child 2 safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact 3 with families in the course of employment or the employing agency of a 4 peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, 5 corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff member, law 6 enforcement support staff member or employee of adult protective services 7 who was granted an order pursuant to this section of the order's 8 expiration date at least six months before the expiration date. If the 9 notice is sent to the employing agency, the employing agency shall immediately notify the person who was granted the order of the upcoming 10 11 expiration date. The county assessor or county treasurer may coordinate 12 with the county recorder to prevent multiple notices from being sent to 13 the same person.

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K. For the purposes of this section:

15 1. "Code enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by a 16 state or local government and whose duties include performing field 17 inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with 18 and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.

19 2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or 20 municipal court.

21 3. "Corrections support staff member" means an adult or juvenile 22 corrections employee who has direct contact with inmates.

4. "ELECTION OFFICER" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE
WHO HOLDS AN ELECTION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION
16-407.

26 4. 5. "Eligible person" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC 27 OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace 28 officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, justice, 29 judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections officer, corrections 30 31 support staff member, probation officer, member of the commission on appellate court appointments, member of the board of executive clemency, 32 law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department of child 33 safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact 34 35 with families in the course of employment, national guard member who is 36 acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person who is protected 37 under an order of protection or injunction against harassment, person who is a participant in the address confidentiality program pursuant to title 38 39 41, chapter 1, article 3, or firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona 40 counter terrorism information center in the department of public safety.

41 5. 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected 42 or appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who 43 ceased serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous 44 offense as defined in section 13-105 while in office. 6. 7. "Hearing officer" means a hearing officer who is appointed
 pursuant to section 28-1553.

7. 8. "Judge" means a judge or former judge of the United States district court, the United States court of appeals, the United States magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a municipal court.

8 8. 9. "Justice" means a justice of the United States or Arizona 9 supreme court or a justice of the peace.

9. 10. "Law enforcement support staff member" means a person who serves in the role of an investigator or prosecutorial assistant in an agency that investigates or prosecutes crimes, who is integral to the investigation or prosecution of crimes and whose name or identity will be revealed in the course of public proceedings.

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10. 11. "Peace officer":

16 (a) Means any person vested by law, or formerly vested by law, with 17 a duty to maintain public order and make arrests.

(b) Includes a federal law enforcement officer or agent who resides
 in this state and who has the power to make arrests pursuant to federal
 law.

21 11. 12. "Prosecutor" means a current or former county attorney, 22 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and 23 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney, 24 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

25 12. 13. "Public defender" means a federal public defender, county 26 public defender, county legal defender or county contract indigent defense 27 counsel and includes an assistant or deputy federal public defender, 28 county public defender or county legal defender.

14. "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS DULY ELECTED OR
APPOINTED TO CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATURE, A STATEWIDE OFFICE OR A COUNTY,
CITY OR TOWN OFFICE.

32 Sec. 3. Section 13-2401, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 33 read:

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13-2401. <u>Personal information on the internet; exception;</u> classification; definitions

36 A. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly make available on the world wide web INTERNET the personal information of a AN ELECTION 37 OFFICER, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, peace officer, justice, judge, commissioner, 38 hearing officer, public defender, member of the commission on appellate 39 40 court appointments, employee of the department of child safety or employee 41 of adult protective services who has direct contact with families in the 42 course of employment or prosecutor if the dissemination of the personal 43 information poses an imminent and serious threat to the **ELECTION** 44 OFFICER'S, PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S, peace officer's, justice's, judge's, 45 commissioner's, hearing officer's, public defender's, member's, department

of child safety employee's, adult protective services employee's or prosecutor's safety or the safety of that person's immediate family and the threat is reasonably apparent to the person making the information available on the internet to be serious and imminent. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "PERSONAL INFORMATION" INCLUDES THE ADDRESS OF A PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

B. It is not a violation of this section if an employee of a county
recorder, county treasurer or county assessor publishes personal
information, in good faith, on the website of the county recorder, county
treasurer or county assessor in the ordinary course of carrying out public
functions.

12 13 C. A violation of subsection A of this section is a class 5 felony.

D. For the purposes of this section:

14 1. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or 15 municipal court.

16 2. "ELECTION OFFICER" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE
17 WHO HOLDS AN ELECTION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION
18 16-407.

19 2. 3. "Hearing officer" means a hearing officer who is appointed 20 pursuant to section 28-1553.

21 3. 4. "Immediate family" means a peace officer's, justice's, 22 judge's, commissioner's, public defender's or prosecutor's spouse, child 23 or parent and any other adult who lives in the same residence as the 24 person.

4. 5. "Judge" means a judge of the United States district court,
 the United States court of appeals, the United States magistrate court,
 the United States bankruptcy court, the Arizona court of appeals, the
 superior court or a municipal court.

5. 6. "Justice" means a justice of the United States or Arizona
 supreme court or a justice of the peace.

31 6. 7. "Personal information" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER'S, 32 PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S, peace officer's, justice's, judge's, commissioner's, 33 hearing officer's, public defender's, commission on appellate court 34 appointments member's or prosecutor's home address, home telephone number, 35 pager number, personal photograph, directions to the person's home or 36 photographs of the person's home or vehicle.

37 7.8. "Prosecutor" means a current or former county attorney,
 38 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and
 39 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney,
 40 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

8. 9. "Public defender" means a federal public defender, county
public defender, county legal defender or county contract indigent defense
counsel and includes an assistant or deputy federal public defender,
county public defender or county legal defender.

10. "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS DULY ELECTED OR
 2 APPOINTED TO CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATURE, A STATEWIDE OFFICE OR A COUNTY,
 3 CITY OR TOWN OFFICE.

4 Sec. 4. Section 16-153, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 5 read:

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16-153. <u>Voter registration; confidentiality; definitions</u>

7 A. Eligible persons, and any other registered voter who resides at 8 the same residence address as the eligible person, may request that the 9 general public be prohibited from accessing the eligible person's 10 identifying information, including any of THE FOLLOWING:

11 1. That person's documents and voting precinct number contained in 12 that person's voter registration record.

13 2. IF THE PERSON IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, THE ADDRESS OF A PROPERTY14 HELD IN TRUST BY THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

B. Eligible persons may request this action by filing an affidavit that states all of the following on an application form developed by the administrative office of the courts in agreement with an association of counties and an organization of peace officers:

19 1. The person's full legal name, residential address and date of 20 birth.

2. Unless the person is the spouse of a peace officer or the spouse 22 or minor child of a deceased peace officer or the person is a former 23 public official or former judge, the position the person currently holds 24 and a description of the person's duties, except that an eligible person 25 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against 26 harassment shall instead attach a copy of the order of protection or 27 injunction against harassment.

28 3. The reasons for reasonably believing that the person's life or 29 safety or that of another person is in danger and that sealing the 30 identifying information and voting precinct number of the person's voting 31 record will serve to reduce the danger.

32 C. The affidavit shall be filed with the presiding judge of the 33 superior court in the county in which the affiant resides. To prevent multiple filings, an eligible person who is a peace officer, prosecutor, 34 35 public defender, code enforcement officer, corrections or detention 36 officer, corrections support staff member or law enforcement support staff member shall deliver the affidavit to the peace officer's commanding 37 38 officer, or to the head of the prosecuting, public defender, code 39 enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or detention agency, as 40 applicable, or that person's designee, who shall file the affidavits at 41 one time. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for 42 immediate action and is supported by facts justifying an earlier 43 presentation, the commanding officer, or the head of the prosecuting, public defender, code enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or 44

1 detention agency, as applicable, or that person's designee, shall not file 2 affidavits more often than quarterly.

D. On receipt of an affidavit or affidavits, the presiding judge of the superior court shall file with the clerk of the superior court a petition on behalf of all requesting affiants. The petition shall have attached each affidavit presented. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for immediate action and that is supported by facts justifying an earlier consideration, the presiding judge may accumulate affidavits and file a petition at the end of each quarter.

10 The presiding judge of the superior court shall review the Ε. 11 petition and each attached affidavit to determine whether the action 12 requested by each affiant should be granted. The presiding judge of the 13 superior court shall order the sealing for five years of the information 14 contained in the voter record of the affiant and, on request, any other 15 registered voter who resides at the same residence address if the 16 presiding judge concludes that this action will reduce a danger to the 17 life or safety of the affiant.

18 F. The recorder shall remove the restrictions on all voter records 19 submitted pursuant to subsection E of this section by January 5 in the 20 year after the court order expires. The county recorder shall send by 21 mail one notice to either the ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, former 22 public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code 23 24 enforcement officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support 25 staff member, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the 26 department of child safety or employee of adult protective services who 27 has direct contact with families in the course of employment or the employing agency of a peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code 28 29 enforcement officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support 30 staff member or law enforcement support staff member who was granted an 31 order pursuant to this section of the order's expiration date at least six months before the January 5 removal date. If the notice is sent to the 32 employing agency, the employing agency shall immediately notify the person 33 34 who was granted the order of the upcoming expiration date. The county 35 recorder may coordinate with the county assessor and county treasurer to 36 prevent multiple notices from being sent to the same person.

37 G. On entry of the court order, the clerk of the superior court shall file the court order with the county recorder. On receipt of the 38 court order the county recorder shall seal the voter registration of the 39 40 persons listed in the court order no later than one hundred twenty days 41 from the date of receipt of the court order. To include a subsequent voter registration in the court order, a person listed in the court order 42 43 shall present to the county recorder at the time of registration a 44 certified copy of the court order or shall provide the county recorder the 1 recording number of the court order. The information in the registration 2 shall not be disclosed and is not a public record.

3 H. If the court denies an affiant's requested sealing of the voter 4 registration record, the affiant may request a court hearing. The hearing 5 shall be conducted by the court where the petition was filed.

I. On motion to the court, if the presiding judge of the superior court concludes that a voter registration record has been sealed in error or that the cause for the original affidavit no longer exists, the presiding judge may vacate the court order prohibiting public access to the voter registration record.

11 J. On request by a person who is protected under an order of 12 protection or injunction against harassment and presentation of an order 13 of protection issued pursuant to section 13-3602, an injunction against harassment issued pursuant to section 12-1809 or an order of protection or 14 injunction against harassment issued by a court in another state or a 15 16 program participant in the address confidentiality program pursuant to 17 title 41, chapter 1, article 3, the county recorder shall seal the voter 18 registration record of the person who is protected and, on request, any other registered voter who resides at the residence address of the 19 protected person. The record shall be sealed no later than one hundred 20 21 twenty days from the date of receipt of the court order. The information 22 in the registration shall not be disclosed and is not a public record.

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K. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Code enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by a state or local government and whose duties include performing field inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.

28 2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or 29 municipal court.

30 3. "Corrections support staff member" means an adult or juvenile 31 corrections employee who has direct contact with inmates.

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34 16-407.

35 4. 5. "Eligible person" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER, public 36 official, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, justice, 37 judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, prosecutor, member 38 39 of the commission on appellate court appointments, code enforcement 40 officer, adult or juvenile corrections officer, corrections support staff 41 member, probation officer, member of the board of executive clemency, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department of child 42 43 safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact with families in the course of employment, national guard member who is 44 45 acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person who is protected 1 under an order of protection or injunction against harassment or 2 firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona counter terrorism information 3 center in the department of public safety.

4 5. 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected 5 or appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who 6 ceased serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous 7 offense as defined in section 13-105 while in office.

8 6. 7. "Hearing officer" means a hearing officer who is appointed 9 pursuant to section 28-1553.

10 7. 8. "Judge" means a judge or former judge of the United States 11 district court, the United States court of appeals, the United States 12 magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States 13 immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a 14 municipal court.

8. 9. "Justice" means a justice of the United States or Arizona
 supreme court or a justice of the peace.

9. 10. "Law enforcement support staff member" means a person who serves in the role of an investigator or prosecutorial assistant in an agency that investigates or prosecutes crimes, who is integral to the investigation or prosecution of crimes and whose name or identity will be revealed in the course of public proceedings.

22 23 10. 11. "Peace officer":

(a) Has the same meaning prescribed in section 1-215.

(b) Includes a federal law enforcement officer or agent who resides
 in this state and who has the power to make arrests pursuant to federal
 law.

11. 12. "Prosecutor" means a current or former United States
 attorney, county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general and
 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney,
 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

31 12. 13. "Public defender" means a federal public defender, county 32 public defender, county legal defender or county contract indigent defense 33 counsel and includes an assistant or deputy federal public defender, 34 county public defender or county legal defender.

13. 14. "Public official" means a person who is duly elected or
 appointed to Congress, the legislature or, a statewide office OR A COUNTY,
 CITY OR TOWN OFFICE.

38 Sec. 5. Section 28-454, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 39 read:

40 41 28-454. <u>Records maintained by department of transportation;</u> redaction: definitions

42 A. Notwithstanding sections 28-447 and 28-455, an eligible person 43 may request that persons be prohibited from accessing the eligible 44 person's identifying information, including any of THE FOLLOWING: 1 1. That person's documents, contained in any record maintained by 2 the department.

3 2. IF THE PERSON IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, THE ADDRESS OF A PROPERTY 4 HELD IN TRUST BY THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

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B. An eligible person may request this action by filing an 6 affidavit that states all of the following on an application form 7 developed by the administrative office of the courts in agreement with an 8 association of counties, an organization of peace officers and the 9 department:

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1. The person's full legal name and residential address.

11 2. Unless the person is the spouse of a peace officer or the spouse 12 or minor child of a deceased peace officer or the person is a former 13 public official or former judge, the position the person currently holds and a description of the person's duties, except that an eligible person 14 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against 15 16 harassment shall attach a copy of the order of protection or injunction 17 against harassment.

18 3. The reasons the person reasonably believes that the person's 19 life or safety or that of another person is in danger and that redacting 20 the identifying information from the department's public records will 21 serve to reduce the danger.

22 C. The affidavit shall be filed with the presiding judge of the superior court in the county in which the affiant resides. To prevent 23 24 multiple filings, an eligible person who is a peace officer, spouse of a 25 peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, 26 prosecutor, code enforcement officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff member or law enforcement support staff member 27 shall deliver the affidavit to the peace officer's commanding officer, or 28 29 to the head of the prosecuting, code enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or detention agency, as applicable, or that person's designee, 30 31 who shall file the affidavits at one time. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for immediate action and that is supported by 32 facts justifying an earlier presentation, the commanding officer, or the 33 34 head of the prosecuting, code enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or 35 detention agency, as applicable, or that person's designee, shall not file 36 affidavits more often than quarterly.

37 D. On receipt of an affidavit or affidavits, the presiding judge of the superior court shall file with the clerk of the superior court a 38 39 petition on behalf of all requesting affiants. Each affidavit presented 40 shall be attached to the petition. In the absence of an affidavit that 41 contains a request for immediate action and that is supported by facts 42 justifying an earlier consideration, the presiding judge may accumulate 43 affidavits and file a petition at the end of each quarter.

1 E. The presiding judge of the superior court shall review the 2 petition and each attached affidavit to determine whether the action 3 requested by each affiant should be granted. The presiding judge of the 4 superior court shall order the redaction of the residence address and 5 telephone number from the public records maintained by the department if 6 the judge concludes that this action will reduce a danger to the life or 7 safety of the affiant or another person.

8 F. On entry of the court order, the clerk of the superior court 9 shall file the court order with the department. Not more than one hundred fifty days after the date the department receives the court order, the 10 11 department shall redact the identifying information of the affiants listed 12 in the court order from the public records of the department. The 13 identifying information shall not be disclosed and is not part of a public 14 record.

15 G. If the court denies an affiant's request pursuant to this 16 section, the affiant may request a court hearing. The hearing shall be 17 conducted by the court in the county where the petition was filed.

18 H. On motion to the court, if the presiding judge of the superior 19 court concludes that identifying information has been sealed in error or 20 that the cause for the original affidavit no longer exists, the presiding 21 judge may vacate the court order prohibiting public access to the 22 identifying information.

I. Notwithstanding sections 28-447 and 28-455, the department shall 23 24 not release a photograph of a peace officer if the peace officer has made 25 a request as prescribed in this section that persons be prohibited from 26 accessing the peace officer's identifying information in any record 27 maintained by the department.

J. This section does not prohibit the use of a peace officer's 28 29 photograph that is either:

30 1. Used by a law enforcement agency to assist a person who has a 31 complaint against an officer to identify the officer.

2. Obtained from a source other than the department.

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К. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Code enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by a 34 state or local government and whose duties include performing field 35 36 inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with 37 and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.

2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or 38 39 municipal court.

40 3. "Corrections support staff member" means an adult or juvenile 41 corrections employee who has direct contact with inmates.

4. "ELECTION OFFICER" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE 42 43 WHO HOLDS AN ELECTION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44 16-407.

1 4. 5. "Eligible person" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC 2 OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace 3 officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased public officer, justice, 4 judge or former judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, 5 prosecutor, code enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections 6 officer, corrections support staff member, probation officer, member of 7 the commission on appellate court appointments, member of the board of 8 executive clemency, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the 9 department of child safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact with families in the course of employment, national 10 11 guard member who is acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person 12 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against 13 harassment or firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona counter terrorism 14 information center in the department of public safety.

5. 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected or appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who ceased serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous offense as defined in section 13-105 while in office.

19 6. 7. "Hearing officer" means a hearing officer who is appointed 20 pursuant to section 28-1553.

7. 8. "Judge" means a judge or former judge of the United States district court, the United States court of appeals, the United States magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a municipal court.

8. 9. "Justice" means a justice of the United States supreme court
 or the Arizona supreme court or a justice of the peace.

9. 10. "Law enforcement support staff member" means a person who serves in the role of an investigator or prosecutorial assistant in an agency that investigates or prosecutes crimes, who is integral to the investigation or prosecution of crimes and whose name or identity will be revealed in the course of public proceedings.

33 34 10. 11. "Peace officer":

(a) Has the same meaning prescribed in section 1-215.

35 (b) Includes a federal law enforcement officer or agent who resides 36 in this state and who has the power to make arrests pursuant to federal 37 law.

38 11. 12. "Prosecutor" means a current or former United States 39 attorney, county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general and 40 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney, 41 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

42 13. "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS DULY ELECTED OR
43 APPOINTED TO CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATURE, A STATEWIDE OFFICE OR A COUNTY,
44 CITY OR TOWN OFFICE.

1	Sec. 6. Section 39–123, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2	read:
3	39–123. <u>Information identifying eligible persons;</u>
4	<u>confidentiality; definitions</u>
5	A. Nothing in this chapter requires disclosure from a personnel
6	file by a law enforcement agency or employing state or local governmental
7	entity of the home address or home telephone number of eligible persons OR
8	THE ADDRESS OF A PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL.
9	B. The agency or governmental entity may release the information in
10	subsection A of this section only if either:
11	1. The person consents in writing to the release.
12	2. The custodian of records of the agency or governmental entity
13	determines that release of the information does not create a reasonable
14	risk of physical injury to the person or the person's immediate family or
15	damage to the property of the person or the person's immediate family.
16	C. A law enforcement agency may release a photograph of a peace
17	officer if either:
18	1. The peace officer has been arrested or has been formally charged
19	by complaint, information or indictment for a misdemeanor or a felony
20	offense.
21	2. The photograph is requested by a representative of a newspaper
22	for a specific newsworthy event unless:
23	(a) The peace officer is serving in an undercover capacity or is
24	scheduled to be serving in an undercover capacity within sixty days.
25	(b) The release of the photograph is not in the best interest of
26	this state after taking into consideration the privacy, confidentiality
27	and safety of the peace officer.
28	(c) An order pursuant to section 28–454 is in effect.
29	D. This section does not prohibit the use of a peace officer's
30	photograph that is either:
31	1. Used by a law enforcement agency to assist a person who has a
32	complaint against an officer to identify the officer.
33	2. Obtained from a source other than the law enforcement agency.
34	E. This section does not apply to a certified peace officer or code
35	enforcement officer who is no longer employed as a peace officer or code
36	enforcement officer by a state or local government entity.
37	F. For the purposes of this section:
38	1. "Code enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by a
39	state or local government and whose duties include performing field
40	inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with
41	and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.
42	2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or
43	municipal court.
44	3. "Corrections support staff member" means an adult or juvenile
45	corrections employee who has direct contact with inmates.

4. "ELECTION OFFICER" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE
 WHO HOLDS AN ELECTION OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION
 3 16-407.

4 4. 5. "Eligible person" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC 5 OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace 6 officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, border patrol 7 agent, justice, judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, 8 prosecutor, code enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections 9 officer, corrections support staff member, probation officer, member of the commission on appellate court appointments, member of the board of 10 11 executive clemency, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the 12 department of child safety or employee of adult protective services who 13 has direct contact with families in the course of employment, national guard member who is acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person 14 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against 15 16 harassment, firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona counter terrorism 17 information center in the department of public safety or victim of 18 domestic violence or stalking who is protected under an order of 19 protection or injunction against harassment.

5. 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected or appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who ceased serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous offense as defined in section 13-105 while in office.

24 6. 7. "Hearing officer" means a hearing officer who is appointed 25 pursuant to section 28-1553.

26 7. 8. "Judge" means a judge or former judge of the United States 27 district court, the United States court of appeals, the United States 28 magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States 29 immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a 30 municipal court.

31 8. 9. "Justice" means a justice of the United States or Arizona 32 supreme court or a justice of the peace.

33 9. 10. "Law enforcement support staff member" means a person who 34 serves in the role of an investigator or prosecutorial assistant in an 35 agency that investigates or prosecutes crimes, who is integral to the 36 investigation or prosecution of crimes and whose name or identity will be 37 revealed in the course of public proceedings.

38 10. 11. "Peace officer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 39 13-105.

40 11. 12. "Prosecutor" means a current or former county attorney, 41 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and 42 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney, 43 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

44 12. 13. "Public defender" means a federal public defender, county
 45 public defender, county legal defender or county contract indigent defense

counsel and includes an assistant or deputy federal public defender,
 county public defender or county legal defender.

3 14. "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS DULY ELECTED OR
 4 APPOINTED TO CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATURE, A STATEWIDE OFFICE OR A COUNTY,
 5 CITY OR TOWN OFFICE.

6 Sec. 7. Section 39–124, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 7 read:

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39-124. <u>Releasing information identifying an eligible person;</u> violations; classification; definitions

A. Any person who is employed by a state or local government entity 10 11 and who, in violation of section 39-123, knowingly releases the home address or home telephone number of an eligible person OR THE ADDRESS OF A 12 13 PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL with the intent to hinder an investigation, cause physical injury to an eligible person or the eligible 14 person's immediate family or cause damage to the property of an eligible 15 16 person or the eligible person's immediate family is guilty of a class 6 17 felony.

B. Any person who is employed by a state or local government entity and who, in violation of section 39-123, knowingly releases a photograph of a peace officer with the intent to hinder an investigation, cause physical injury to a peace officer or the peace officer's immediate family or cause damage to the property of a peace officer or the peace officer's immediate family is guilty of a class 6 felony.

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C. For the purposes of this section:

25 1. "Code enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by a 26 state or local government and whose duties include performing field 27 inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with 28 and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.

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36 4. 5. "Eligible person" means a AN ELECTION OFFICER, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace 37 38 officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, border patrol agent, justice, judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, 39 40 prosecutor, code enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections 41 officer, corrections support staff member, probation officer, member of the board of executive clemency, law enforcement support staff member, 42 43 employee of the department of child safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact with families in the course of employment, 44 45 national guard member who is acting in support of a law enforcement

agency, person who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against harassment, firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona counter terrorism information center in the department of public safety or victim of domestic violence or stalking who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against harassment.

6 5. 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected 7 or appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who 8 ceased serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous 9 offense as defined in section 13-105 while in office.

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 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and
 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney,
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