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identifying information; records; confidentiality

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CHAPTER 198

HOUSE BILL 2327

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-483 AND 11-484, 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. Records maintained by county recorder;
5 confidentiality; applicability; definitions

6 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, in any
7 county an eligible person may request that the general public be
8 prohibited from accessing ~~the unique identifier and the recording date~~
9 **THAT PERSON'S IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT IS** contained in ~~indexes of~~
10 recorded instruments **THAT ARE** maintained by the county recorder, **INCLUDING**
11 **ANY DATA THAT MAY BE USED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO IDENTIFY THAT PERSON,**
12 and may request the county recorder to prohibit access to that person's
13 identifying information, ~~including~~ **THAT IS CONTAINED IN** any of the
14 following:

15 1. That person's documents, instruments or writings recorded by the
16 county recorder.

17 2. If the person is a public official, the address of a property
18 held in trust by the public official.

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

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

25 2. The full legal description and parcel number of the person's
26 property.

27 3. Unless the person is the spouse of a peace officer or the spouse
28 or minor child of a deceased peace officer or the person is a former
29 public official or former judge, the position the person currently holds
30 and a description of the person's duties, except that an eligible person
31 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against
32 harassment shall instead attach a copy of the order of protection or
33 injunction against harassment or an eligible person who is a participant
34 in the address confidentiality program shall instead attach a copy of the
35 participant's current and valid address confidentiality program
36 authorization card issued pursuant to section 41-163 and a statement of
37 certification provided by the secretary of state's office.

38 4. The reasons the person reasonably believes that the person's
39 life or safety or that of another person is in danger and that restricting
40 access pursuant to this section will serve to reduce the danger.

41 5. The document locator number and recording date of each
42 instrument for which the person requests access restriction pursuant to
43 this section.

44 6. A copy of pages from each instrument that includes the document
45 locator number and the person's identifying information, including the

1 person's full legal name and residential address or full legal name and
2 telephone number.

3 C. If an eligible person is also requesting pursuant to section
4 11-484 that the general public be prohibited from accessing records
5 maintained by the county assessor and county treasurer, the eligible
6 person may combine the request pursuant to subsection B of this section
7 with the request pursuant to section 11-484 by filing one affidavit. The
8 affidavit and subsequent action by the appropriate authorities shall meet
9 all of the requirements of this section and section 11-484.

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

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

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

1 of the affiant or another person, the presiding judge of the superior
2 court shall order that the general public be prohibited for five years
3 from accessing ~~the unique identifier and the recording date~~ THE PERSON'S
4 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION contained in ~~indexes of~~ recorded instruments
5 maintained by the county recorder and identified pursuant to subsection B
6 of this section.

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

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

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

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

44 K. To include subsequent recordings in the court order, the
45 eligible person shall present to the county recorder at the time of

1 recordation a certified copy of the court order or shall provide to the
2 county recorder the recording number of the court order. The county
3 recorder shall ensure that public access is restricted pursuant to
4 subsection A of this section.

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

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

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

15 O. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ELIGIBLE PERSON'S VOTER
16 REGISTRATION RECORD.

17 ~~O.~~ P. For the purposes of this section:

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

22 2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or
23 municipal court.

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

26 4. "Election officer" means a state, county or municipal employee
27 who holds an election officer's certificate issued pursuant to section
28 16-407.

29 5. "Eligible person" means a health professional, election officer,
30 public official, former public official, peace officer, spouse of a peace
31 officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, justice,
32 judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, prosecutor, code
33 enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections officer, corrections
34 support staff member, probation officer, member of the commission on
35 appellate court appointments, member of the board of executive clemency,
36 law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department of child
37 safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact
38 with families in the course of employment, national guard member who is
39 acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person who is protected
40 under an order of protection or injunction against harassment, person who
41 is a participant in the address confidentiality program pursuant to title
42 41, chapter 1, article 3 or firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona
43 counter terrorism information center in the department of public safety.

44 6. "Former public official" means a person who was duly elected or
45 appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who ceased

1 serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous offense as
2 defined in section 13-105 while in office.

3 7. "Health professional" means an individual who is licensed
4 pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 15, 17, 19.1, 25 or 33.

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

7 ~~9. "Indexes" means only those indexes that are maintained by and~~
8 ~~located in the office of the county recorder, that are accessed~~
9 ~~electronically and that contain information beginning from and after~~
10 ~~January 1, 1987.~~

11 9. "IDENTIFYING INFORMATION":

12 (a) MEANS ANY RECORDED DATA OR INFORMATION THAT ALONE OR IN
13 CONNECTION WITH OTHER RECORDS HAS THE CAPABILITY OF UNIQUELY IDENTIFYING,
14 TRACING OR AUTHENTICATING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (i) A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL.

16 (ii) A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN AN ENTITY.

17 (iii) A TRUST IN WHICH A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL IS A TRUSTEE, TRUSTOR
18 OR BENEFICIARY.

19 (b) INCLUDES:

20 (i) A FULL NAME, MAIDEN NAME OR ALIAS.

21 (ii) GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFIERS.

22 (iii) BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIERS.

23 (iv) UNIQUE DIGITAL OR DEVICE IDENTIFIERS.

24 (v) SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA.

25 (vi) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT REASONABLY ENABLES IDENTIFICATION
26 THROUGH ANALYSIS, CORRECTION OR LINKABILITY.

27 (c) DOES NOT INCLUDE:

28 (i) A PARCEL NUMBER.

29 (ii) THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF A PROPERTY.

30 (iii) A PROPERTY ADDRESS.

31 (iv) ANY OTHER PROPERTY IDENTIFIER.

32 10. "Judge" means a judge or former judge of the United States
33 district court, the United States court of appeals, the United States
34 magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States
35 immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a
36 municipal court.

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

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

44 13. "Peace officer":

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

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

6 14. "Prosecutor" means a current or former county attorney,
7 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and
8 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney,
9 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.

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

14 16. "Public official" means a person who is duly elected or
15 appointed to Congress, the legislature, a statewide office or a county,
16 city or town office.

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

19 11-484. Records maintained by county assessor and county
20 treasurer; redaction; applicability; definitions

21 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, in any
22 county an eligible person may request that the general public be
23 prohibited from accessing that person's identifying information, including
24 ANY DATA THAT MAY BE USED TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IDENTIFY THAT PERSON,
25 THAT IS INCLUDED IN any of the following:

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

28 2. If the person is a public official, the address of a property
29 held in trust by the public official.

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

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

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37 property.

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39 or minor child of a deceased peace officer or the person is a former
40 public official or former judge, the position the person currently holds
41 and a description of the person's duties, except that an eligible person
42 who is protected under an order of protection or injunction against
43 harassment shall attach a copy of the order of protection or injunction
44 against harassment or an eligible person who is a participant in the
45 address confidentiality program shall instead attach a copy of the

1 participant's current and valid address confidentiality program
2 authorization card issued pursuant to section 41-163 and a statement of
3 certification provided by the secretary of state's office.

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

8 C. If an eligible person is also requesting pursuant to section
9 11-483 that the general public be prohibited from accessing records
10 maintained by the county recorder, the eligible person may combine the
11 request pursuant to subsection B of this section with the request pursuant
12 to section 11-483 by filing one affidavit. The affidavit and subsequent
13 action by the appropriate authorities shall meet all of the requirements
14 of this section and section 11-483.

15 D. The affidavit shall be filed with the presiding judge of the
16 superior court in the county in which the affiant resides. To prevent
17 multiple filings, an eligible person who is a peace officer, spouse of a
18 peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, public
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41 the superior court concludes that the action requested by the affiant will
42 reduce a danger to the life or safety of the affiant or another person,
43 the presiding judge of the superior court shall order the redaction of the
44 affiant's identifying information, including any of that person's
45 documents, instruments, writings and information maintained by the county

1 assessor and the county treasurer. The redaction shall be in effect for
2 five years.

3 G. On motion to the court, if the presiding judge of the superior
4 court concludes that an instrument or writing maintained by the county
5 assessor or the county treasurer has been redacted or sealed in error,
6 that the original affiant no longer lives at the address listed in the
7 original affidavit, that the cause for the original affidavit no longer
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10 of the court order prohibiting public access to the instrument or writing.

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12 shall file the court order and a copy of the affidavit required by
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14 treasurer. Not more than ten days after the date on which the county
15 assessor and the county treasurer receive the court order, the county
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21 J. The county assessor and the county treasurer shall remove the
22 restrictions on all records that are redacted pursuant to this section by
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37 public defender, county legal defender or county contract indigent defense
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APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 19, 2026.

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