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# 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; 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.

1           6. A copy of pages from each instrument that includes the document  
2 locator number and the person's identifying information, including the  
3 person's full legal name and residential address or full legal name and  
4 telephone number.

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

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

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

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

1 person or persons with whom the affiant has had official dealings and that  
 2 action pursuant to this section will reduce a danger to the life or safety  
 3 of the affiant or another person, the presiding judge of the superior  
 4 court shall order that the general public be prohibited for five years  
 5 from accessing ~~the unique identifier and the recording date~~ THE PERSON'S  
 6 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION contained in ~~indexes of~~ recorded instruments  
 7 maintained by the county recorder and identified pursuant to subsection B  
 8 of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 O. 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.

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

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

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

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

13           9. "IDENTIFYING INFORMATION":

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

17           (i) A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL.

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

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

21           (b) INCLUDES:

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

23           (ii) GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFIERS.

24           (iii) BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIERS.

25           (iv) UNIQUE DIGITAL OR DEVICE IDENTIFIERS.

26           (v) SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA.

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

29           (c) DOES NOT INCLUDE:

30           (i) A PARCEL NUMBER.

31           (ii) THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF A PROPERTY.

32           (iii) A PROPERTY ADDRESS.

33           (iv) ANY OTHER PROPERTY IDENTIFIER.

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

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

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

1           13. "Peace officer":

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37           2. The full legal description and parcel number of the person's  
38 property.

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

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

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

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

16 D. The affidavit shall be filed with the presiding judge of the  
17 superior court in the county in which the affiant resides. To prevent  
18 multiple filings, an eligible person who is a peace officer, spouse of a  
19 peace officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, public  
20 defender, prosecutor, code enforcement officer, corrections or detention  
21 officer, corrections support staff member or law enforcement support staff  
22 member shall deliver the affidavit to the peace officer's commanding  
23 officer, or to the head of the prosecuting, public defender, code  
24 enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or detention agency, as  
25 applicable, or that person's designee, who shall file the affidavits at  
26 one time. In the absence of an affidavit that contains a request for  
27 immediate action and that is supported by facts justifying an earlier  
28 presentation, the commanding officer, or the head of the prosecuting,  
29 public defender, code enforcement, law enforcement, corrections or  
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31 affidavits more often than quarterly.

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

39 F. The presiding judge of the superior court shall review the  
40 petition and each attached affidavit to determine whether the action  
41 requested by each affiant should be granted. If the presiding judge of  
42 the superior court concludes that the action requested by the affiant will  
43 reduce a danger to the life or safety of the affiant or another person,  
44 the presiding judge of the superior court shall order the redaction of the  
45 affiant's identifying information, including any of that person's

1 documents, instruments, writings and information maintained by the county  
2 assessor and the county treasurer. The redaction shall be in effect for  
3 five years.

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

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

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

22 J. The county assessor and the county treasurer shall remove the  
23 restrictions on all records that are redacted pursuant to this section by  
24 January 5 in the year after the court order expires. The county assessor  
25 or the county treasurer shall send by mail one notice to either the  
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27 official, peace officer, spouse of a peace officer, spouse or minor child  
28 of a deceased peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement  
29 officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff  
30 member, law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department  
31 of child safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct  
32 contact with families in the course of employment or the employing agency  
33 of the peace officer, public defender, prosecutor, code enforcement  
34 officer, corrections or detention officer, corrections support staff  
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42 sent to the same person.

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45 state or local government and whose duties include performing field

1 inspections of buildings, structures or property to ensure compliance with  
2 and enforce national, state and local laws, ordinances and codes.

3 2. "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the superior court or  
4 municipal court.

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6 corrections employee who has direct contact with inmates.

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12 officer, spouse or minor child of a deceased peace officer, justice,  
13 judge, commissioner, hearing officer, public defender, prosecutor, code  
14 enforcement officer, adult or juvenile corrections officer, corrections  
15 support staff member, probation officer, member of the commission on  
16 appellate court appointments, member of the board of executive clemency,  
17 law enforcement support staff member, employee of the department of child  
18 safety or employee of adult protective services who has direct contact  
19 with families in the course of employment, national guard member who is  
20 acting in support of a law enforcement agency, person who is protected  
21 under an order of protection or injunction against harassment, person who  
22 is a participant in the address confidentiality program pursuant to title  
23 41, chapter 1, article 3, or firefighter who is assigned to the Arizona  
24 counter terrorism information center in the department of public safety.

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26 appointed to Congress, the legislature or a statewide office, who ceased  
27 serving in that capacity and who was the victim of a dangerous offense as  
28 defined in section 13-105 while in office.

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40 OR BENEFICIARY.

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11 magistrate court, the United States bankruptcy court, the United States  
12 immigration court, the Arizona court of appeals, the superior court or a  
13 municipal court.  
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16       ~~11.~~ 12. "Law enforcement support staff member" means a person who  
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18 agency that investigates or prosecutes crimes, who is integral to the  
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20 revealed in the course of public proceedings.  
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22       (a) Means any person vested by law, or formerly vested by law, with  
23 a duty to maintain public order and make arrests.  
24       (b) Includes a federal law enforcement officer or agent who resides  
25 in this state and who has the power to make arrests pursuant to federal  
26 law.  
27       ~~13.~~ 14. "Prosecutor" means a current or former county attorney,  
28 municipal prosecutor, attorney general or United States attorney and  
29 includes a current or former assistant or deputy United States attorney,  
30 county attorney, municipal prosecutor or attorney general.  
31       ~~14.~~ 15. "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.  
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