

**CHAPTER 469**

**H.B. No. 2160**

**An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain information in family violence protective orders.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 71, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 71.111 to read as follows:

*Sec. 71.111. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. On the request of a member of a family or household, the court may exclude from any protective, agreed, or temporary order under this chapter the address and telephone number of a person protected by the order and order the clerk to strike that information from the public records of the court, and, if necessary, make a confidential record of that information for use only by the court.*

**SECTION 2.** Section 71.11(b), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In a protective order the court may prohibit a party from:

- (1) committing family violence;
- (2) directly communicating with a member of the family or household in a threatening or harassing manner;
- (3) going to or near the residence or place of employment or business of a member of the family or household. The court shall specifically describe the prohibited locations and the minimum distances therefrom, if any, that the party must maintain *unless Section 71.111 of this code applies, in which case, the court order need not disclose the place of the protected party's residence.*

**SECTION 3.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 2, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 11, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985