

CHAPTER 371

S.B. No. 12

AN ACT

relating to access to personal information about jurors in a criminal trial.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 35, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 35.29 to read as follows:

*Art. 35.29. PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT JURORS. Information collected by the court or by a prosecuting attorney during the jury selection process about a person who serves as a juror, including the juror's home address, home telephone number, social security number, driver's license number, and other personal information, is confidential and may not be disclosed by the court, the prosecuting attorney, the defense counsel, or any court personnel except on application by a party in the trial or on application by a bona fide member of the news media acting in such capacity to the court in which the person is serving or did serve as a juror. On a showing of good cause, the court shall permit disclosure of the information sought.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

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.

Passed the Senate on April 1, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 22, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.