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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 04/20/2021

The Committee on Rules (Hooper) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 28.222, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28.222 Clerk to be county recorder.-

(7) All instruments recorded in the Official Records <u>are</u> shall always be open to the public, under the supervision of the clerk, for the purpose of inspection thereof and of making <u>copies</u> extracts therefrom; but the clerk <u>is</u> shall not be

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12 required to perform any service in connection with such 13 inspection or making of <u>copies</u> extracts without payment of 14 service charges as provided in s. 28.24.

15 Section 2. Subsection (2) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of 16 subsection (5) of section 28.2221, Florida Statutes, are 17 amended, and subsections (6) and (7) are added to that section, 18 to read:

28.2221 Electronic access to official records.-

(2) (a) No later than January 1, 2002, The county recorder 20 21 in each county must shall provide a current index of documents 22 recorded in the official records of the county for the period 23 beginning no later than January 1, 1990, on a publicly available 24 Internet website which must shall also contain a document 25 requisition point for obtaining images or copies of the 26 documents reflected in the index and which has the capability of 27 electronically providing the index data to a central statewide 28 search site. The index must shall be limited to grantor and 29 grantee names, party names, date, book and page number, 30 comments, and type of record.

31 (b) Unless otherwise required by the court, a county 32 recorder may not remove the grantor name, grantee name, or party 33 name from the register of the Official Records, as described in 34 s. 28.222(2), and the index on the publicly available Internet website on the basis of an exemption as defined in s. 119.011 35 36 unless the name of the grantor or grantee includes the street 37 address portion of the home address as defined in s. 38 119.071(4)(d), in which case the county recorder must remove the street address portion from display. Home addresses, as defined 39 in s. 119.071(4)(d), which are exempt from inspection or copying 40

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41 <u>under s. 119.071 must be included within the Official Records as</u> 42 <u>described in s. 28.222(2) but may not be included within the</u> 43 <u>index or otherwise displayed on the county recorder's publicly</u> 44 <u>available Internet website on which images or copies of the</u> 45 county's official records are placed.

46 (5) (a) A No county recorder or clerk of the court may not 47 place on a publicly available Internet website for general 48 public display information made exempt from inspection or 49 copying under s. 119.071 or any an image or copy of a public 50 record, including an official record, on a publicly available 51 Internet website for general public display if that image or 52 copy is of a military discharge; death certificate; or a court 53 file, record, or paper relating to matters or cases governed by 54 the Florida Rules of Family Law, the Florida Rules of Juvenile 55 Procedure, or the Florida Probate Rules.

56 (c) No later than 30 days after June 5, 2002, Notice of the 57 right of any affected party to request removal of information or 58 records pursuant to this subsection must shall be conspicuously 59 and clearly displayed by the county recorder or clerk of the 60 court on the publicly available Internet website on which images 61 or copies of the county's public records are placed and in the 62 office of each county recorder or clerk of the court. In 63 addition, no later than 30 days after June 5, 2002, the county 64 recorder or the clerk of the court must have published, on two 65 separate dates, a notice of such right in a newspaper of general 66 circulation in the county where the county recorder's office is 67 located as provided for in chapter 50. Such notice must contain 68 appropriate instructions for making the removal request in 69 person, by mail, by facsimile, or by electronic transmission.

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70 The notice must shall state, in substantially similar form, that 71 any person has a right to request that a county recorder or 72 clerk of the court remove from a publicly available Internet 73 website information made exempt from inspection or copying under 74 s. 119.071 or an image or copy of a public record, including an 75 official record, from a publicly available Internet website if 76 that image or copy is of a military discharge; death 77 certificate; or a court file, record, or paper relating to 78 matters or cases governed by the Florida Rules of Family Law, 79 the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure, or the Florida Probate 80 Rules. The notice must state that information removed as exempt 81 under s. 119.071 will not be removed from the Official Records 82 as described in s. 28.222(2). Such request must be made in 83 writing and delivered in person, by mail, facsimile, or by 84 electronic transmission, or in person to the county recorder or 85 clerk of the court. The request must identify the Official Records book and page number, instrument number, or clerk's file 86 87 number for any information or document identification page 88 number of the document to be removed. For requests for removal 89 from a person claiming a public records exemption pursuant to s. 90 119.071, the request must be written and notarized; state under 91 oath the statutory basis for removal of the information, image, 92 or copy that is restricted from general public display on the 93 county recorder's publicly available Internet website; and 94 confirm the individual's eligibility for exempt status. A party 95 making a false attestation is subject to the penalty of perjury 96 under s. 837.012. A No fee may not will be charged for the 97 removal of a document pursuant to such request. 98 (6) (a) Any information restricted from general public

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99	display, inspection, or copying under paragraph (5)(a) pursuant
100	to a request for removal made under s. 119.071 must be provided
101	at any time to the individual whose information was removed. The
102	written request for the restricted information must be by sworn
103	affidavit consistent with s. 92.50 and must include the Official
104	Records book and page number, instrument number, or the clerk's
105	file number for any information or document to be released and a
106	description of the lawful purpose and must identify the
107	individual or property that is the subject of the search. Any
108	party making a false attestation is subject to the penalty of
109	perjury under s. 837.012. A fee may not be charged for the
110	production of any document pursuant to such request.
111	(b)1. For the purpose of conducting a title search, as
112	defined in s. 627.7711, of the Official Records, as described in
113	s. 28.222(2), and upon presentation of photo identification and
114	affirmation by sworn affidavit consistent with s. 92.50 to the
115	county recorder, information restricted from public display,
116	inspection, or copying under paragraph (5)(a) pursuant to a
117	request for removal made under s. 119.071(4)(d) may be disclosed
118	to:
119	a. A title insurer authorized pursuant to s. 624.401 and
120	its affiliates as defined in s. 624.10;
121	b. A title insurance agent or title insurance agency as
122	defined in s. 626.841(1) and (2), respectively; or
123	c. An attorney duly admitted to practice law in this state
124	and in good standing with The Florida Bar.
125	2. The photo identification and affirmation by sworn
126	affidavit may be delivered in person, by mail, or by electronic
127	transmission to the county recorder.

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128 3. The affiant requestor must attest to his or her 129 authority and the authorized purpose to access exempt 130 information pursuant to this section for the property specified 131 within the sworn affidavit. 132 4. The affiant requestor must include the Official Records 133 book and page number, instrument number, or the clerk's file 134 number for each document requested within the sworn affidavit 135 and must include a description of the lawful purpose and 136 identify the individual or property that is the subject of the 137 search within the sworn affidavit. 5. Affidavits submitted by a title insurer, title insurance 138 139 agent, or title insurance agency must include the Florida 140 Company Code or the license number, as applicable, and an 141 attestation to the affiant requestor's authorization to transact 142 business in this state. Affidavits submitted by an attorney 143 authorized under this section must include the affiant requestor's Florida Bar number and a statement that the affiant 144 145 requestor has an agency agreement with a title insurer directly or through his or her law firm. 146 147 6. The county recorder must record such affidavit in the 148 Official Records, as described in s. 28.222(2), but may not 149 place the image or copy of the affidavit on a publicly available 150 Internet website for general public display. 151 7. Upon providing a document disclosing redacted 152 information to an affiant requestor under this section, the 153 county recorder must provide a copy of the affidavit requesting 154 disclosure of the redacted information to each affected party at 155 the address listed on the document or on the request for removal made by the affected party under s. 119.071. The county recorder 156

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157 must prepare a certificate of mailing to be affixed to the 158 affidavit and must receive the statutory service charges as 159 prescribed by s. 28.24 from the affiant requestor. 160 8. Any party making a false attestation under this section 161 is subject to the penalty of perjury under s. 837.012. 162 (7) A person who uses any official record in a manner not 163 authorized in this section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A 164 165 person who unlawfully uses any official record with intent to 166 cause bodily harm or with intent to threaten to cause bodily 167 harm commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as 168 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 169 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 170 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 171 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of 172 public records.-(4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION. -173 174 (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term: 175 a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which an 176 individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing 177 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot 178 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood 179 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the home address. 180 181 b. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers, 182 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone 183 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal communications devices.

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2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

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186 and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement 187 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, including correctional and 188 189 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of 190 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of 191 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties 192 193 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and 194 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and 195 196 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home 197 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and 198 places of employment of the spouses and children of such 199 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care 200 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt 201 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 202 Constitution.

203 b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 204 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative 205 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties 206 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation 207 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal 208 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and 209 210 places of employment of the spouses and children of such 211 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care 212 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt 213 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. 214

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215 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 216 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative 217 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of 218 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation 219 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state 220 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses, 221 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of 222 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and 223 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 224 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 225 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

226 d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 227 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in 228 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone 229 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment 230 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names 231 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 232 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and 233 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

234 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone 235 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and 236 237 county court judges; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses 238 239 and children of current or former justices and judges; and the 240 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended 241 by the children of current or former justices and judges are 242 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. 243

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244 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant 245 246 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide 247 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 248 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the 249 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, 250 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant 251 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools 252 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or 253 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide 254 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from 255 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

256 q. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone 257 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of 258 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division 259 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement 260 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 261 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and 262 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of 263 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement 264 265 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day 266 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates, 2.67 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, 268 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative 269 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are 270 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 271 Constitution.

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h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

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273 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor 274 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors, 275 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency 276 or water management district whose duties include hiring and 277 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or 278 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses, 279 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of 280 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and 2.81 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 282 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 283 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

284 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 285 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers; 286 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 287 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such 288 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care 289 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt 290 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 291 Constitution.

292 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of 293 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former 294 quardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.820; the names, home 295 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of 296 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the 297 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended 298 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and 299 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,and photographs of current or former juvenile probation

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302 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention 303 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile 304 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention 305 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers, 306 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II, 307 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor 308 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior 309 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation 310 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of 311 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 312 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children 313 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and 314 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel 315 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 316 Constitution.

1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 317 318 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant 319 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, 320 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the 321 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and 322 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or 323 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal 324 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations 325 326 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of 327 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, 328 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant 329 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. 330

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331 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 332 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors 333 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the 334 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and 335 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current 336 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and 337 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 338 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors 339 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 340 Constitution.

n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

348 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 349 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department 350 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination 351 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability 352 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed 353 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health 354 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the 355 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone 356 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses 357 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of 358 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such 359 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of

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360 the State Constitution.

361 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 362 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner 363 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former 364 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties 365 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to 366 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses, 367 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of 368 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees; 369 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities 370 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are 371 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 372 Constitution.

373 q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 374 and photographs of current or former emergency medical 375 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the 376 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and 377 places of employment of the spouses and children of such 378 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and 379 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 380 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are 381 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 382 Constitution.

383 r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 384 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an 385 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit 386 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, 387 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that 388 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;

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389 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 390 and places of employment of spouses and children of such 391 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care 392 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt 393 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 394 Constitution.

395 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 396 and photographs of current or former directors, managers, 397 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction 398 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the 399 400 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and 401 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 402 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 403 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this 404 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means 405 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed 406 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention, 407 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed 408 service component described in s. 397.311(26).

409 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, 410 and photographs of current or former directors, managers, 411 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(1) and fulfills the 412 413 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(2), and the members of a 414 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties 415 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation 416 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case 417

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418 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 419 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the 420 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the 421 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended 422 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s. 423 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

424 3. An agency that is the custodian of the information 425 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in 42.6 427 subparagraph 2. must shall maintain the exempt status of that 428 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other 429 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a 430 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption 431 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the 432 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and 433 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt 434 status.

435 4.a. A county property appraiser as defined in s. 436 192.001(3) or a county tax collector as defined in s. 192.001(4) 437 who receives a written and notarized request for maintenance of 438 the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must comply by 439 removing the name of the individual with exempt status and the 440 instrument number or Official Records book and page number 441 identifying the property with the exempt status from all 442 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser 443 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before 444 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax 445 collector must comply with this section by October 1, 2021. A 446 county property appraiser or county tax collector may not remove

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447 <u>the street address, legal description, or other information</u> 448 <u>identifying real property within the agency's records so long as</u> 449 <u>a name or personal information otherwise exempt from inspection</u> 450 <u>and copying pursuant to this section are not associated with the</u> 451 <u>property or otherwise displayed in the public records of the</u> 452 agency.

b. Any information restricted from public display, inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be provided to the individual whose information was removed.

5.4. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request for the release of his or her exempt information to the custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must specify the information to be released and the party that is authorized to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request, the custodial agency <u>must</u> shall release the specified information to the party authorized to receive such information.

6.5. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

468 7.6. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be 469 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized 470 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s. 471 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as 472 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney 473 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing 474 with The Florida Bar. 475 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the

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476	Official Records is maintained only during the period when a
477	protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon
478	conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such
479	real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home
480	address as defined in subparagraph 1.a., the protected party
481	must submit a written request to release the removed information
482	to the county recorder. The written request to release the
483	removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a
484	protected party's request for release is pursuant to a
485	conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the
486	Official Records book and page number, instrument number, or
487	clerk's file number for each document containing the information
488	to be released.
489	9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a
490	certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party
491	can request the county recorder to release a protected
492	decedent's removed information unless there is a related request
493	on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the
494	decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise
495	prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to
496	release the removed information upon the death of a protected
497	party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or
498	court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for
499	release is due to the death of a protected party, and must
500	specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument
501	number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the
502	information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the
503	release of any document pursuant to such request.
504	10. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset

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505 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed 506 on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal 507 through reenactment by the Legislature.

508 Section 4. Section 695.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to 509 read:

510 695.22 Daily schedule of deeds and conveyances filed for record to be furnished property appraiser.-After October 1, 511 512 1945, the several county recorders must clerks of the circuit 513 courts shall keep and furnish to the respective county property 514 appraisers in the counties where such instruments are recorded a daily schedule of the aforesaid deeds and conveyances so filed 515 516 for recordation, in which schedule must shall be set forth the 517 name of the grantor or grantors, the names and addresses of each 518 grantee, and a description of the land as specified in each 519 instrument so filed. The daily schedule must include 520 notification of any information therein which is subject to a 521 request for removal on file with the county recorder.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 28.222, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 28.2221, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; prohibiting a county recorder from removing a grantor name, grantee name, or party name from the register of the Official

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534 Records and the index on the publicly available website unless the information is subject to a 535 536 specified public records exemption; requiring that certain information be included in the Official 537 538 Records; prescribing requirements for a person 539 claiming a public records exemption to request removal 540 of information from a publicly available website, subject to penalty of perjury; prescribing the release 541 of restricted information to the individual whose 542 543 information was removed, subject to penalty of 544 perjury; authorizing specified parties to access 545 information recorded in the Official Records of a 546 county which is otherwise exempt pursuant to a 547 specified public records exemption, for a specific 548 purpose, if specified conditions are met; requiring a 549 sworn affidavit, subject to penalty of perjury; 550 providing criminal penalties for the unlawful use of 551 any official record; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; 552 requiring that a request for maintenance of an 553 exemption be notarized and confirm the individual's 554 status; prescribing procedures for the removal of 555 exempt information for a county property appraiser or 556 county tax collector; requiring the release of information restricted from public display to the 557 558 individual whose information was removed; authorizing 559 the disclosure of exempt information under specified 560 circumstances to specified entities; providing that 561 the exempt status of a home address contained in the 562 Official Records is maintained only during a certain

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563 period; requiring the protect party to submit a 564 written request to release removed information upon the conveyance of his or her dwelling location; 565 prescribing procedures to release certain information 566 567 for a decedent under specified conditions; specifying 568 that such release is not subject to a fee; amending s. 569 695.22, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; requiring 570 the daily schedule of deeds and conveyances to include 571 notification of any information therein which is 572 subject to a request for removal; providing an 573 effective date.