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Representative Maggard offered the following:

### Amendment

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Remove lines 290-370 and insert:

7 <u>119.07(1)</u> and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This 8 <u>sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review</u> 9 <u>Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on</u> 10 <u>October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through</u> 11 reenactment by the Legislature.

3. An agency that is the custodian of the information specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other 473493 - h1215-line 290.docx

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person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt status.

23 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s. 24 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s. 25 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for 26 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status 27 28 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page 29 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all 30 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser 31 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before 32 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1, 33 34 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may 35 not remove the street address, legal description, or other 36 information identifying real property within the agency's 37 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise 38 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section are 39 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the 40 public records of the agency.

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

44 An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other 5. 45 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request 46 for the release of his or her exempt information to the 47 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must specify the information to be released and the party authorized 48 49 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request, 50 the custodial agency must release the specified information to the party authorized to receive such information. 51

52 6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information 53 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the 54 exemption.

7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s. 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing with The Florida Bar.

8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the
Official Records is maintained only during the period when a
protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon
conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such
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real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home 66 67 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party 68 must submit a written request to release the removed information 69 to the county recorder. The written request to release the 70 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a 71 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a 72 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the 73 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's 74 file number for each document containing the information to be 75 released.

9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a 76 77 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party 78 can request the county recorder to release a protected decedent's removed information unless there is a related request 79 80 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the 81 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise 82 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to 83 release the removed information upon the death of a protected 84 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or 85 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for release is due to the death of a protected party, and must 86 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument 87 88 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the 89 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the 90 release of any document pursuant to such request.

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# 91 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this

92 paragraph, this paragraph is subject to the Open Government

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