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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice Subcommittee Representative Hunschofsky offered the following:

### Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 28.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28.47 Recording notification service; related services; public records exemption.-

10 (5) (a) Nothing in This section does not may be construed 11 to require the clerk or property appraiser to provide or allow 12 access to a record or information which is confidential and 13 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 14 Constitution or to otherwise violate the public records laws of 15 this state.

16 (b) All electronic mail addresses, telephone numbers, 446213 - h0285-strikeall.docx

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17	personal or business names, and parcel identification numbers
18	submitted to the clerk or property appraiser by a person who
19	registers for a recording notification service pursuant to this
20	section, or a related service offered by the clerk or property
21	appraiser designed to notify the person who registers of a real
22	property transfer, are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1)
23	and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except upon
24	court order. This paragraph applies to information held by the
25	clerk or property appraiser before, on, or after the effective
26	date of this act. This paragraph is subject to the Open
27	Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and
28	shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and
29	saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
30	Section 2. The Division of Law Revision is directed to
31	replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it
32	occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.
33	Section 3. The Legislature finds that it is a public
34	necessity that all electronic mail addresses, telephone numbers,
35	personal and business names, and parcel identification numbers
36	submitted to the clerk or property appraiser by a person who
37	registers for a recording notification service under s. 28.47,
38	Florida Statutes, or a related service offered by the clerk or
39	property appraiser designed to notify the person who registers
40	of a real property transfer, be made exempt from s. 119.07,
41	Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State
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42 Constitution. The recording notification service, created in 43 response to a recent increase in fraudulent real property 44 conveyances, notifies a registrant by electronic mail when a 45 land record associated with the registrant's monitored identity 46 has been recorded in the public records of the county so that 47 the registrant may quickly identify a fraudulent conveyance and 48 take necessary action. Some clerks and property appraisers have 49 also begun offering related services for which a person may 50 register to receive notifications of potentially fraudulent real 51 property transfers by an alternative form of communication, such as by text message. The Legislature finds that it is a public 52 53 necessity to protect persons who register for a recording 54 notification service or a related service offered by the clerk 55 or property appraiser to receive notifications of real property 56 transfers, and persons whose personal or business names or 57 parcel identification numbers are submitted for monitoring by 58 such persons, from becoming victims of other types of fraud by 59 virtue of their registration or status as a person whose 60 information has been submitted for monitoring. The Legislature 61 also finds that it is a public necessity to protect persons 62 whose personal or business names or parcel identification 63 numbers are not submitted to a recording notification service or 64 a related service for monitoring from becoming the target of a 65 fraudulent real property conveyance by virtue of their lack of participation in any such service. Thus, the Legislature finds 66 446213 - h0285-strikeall.docx Published On: 12/5/2023 1:40:58 PM

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67 that this act serves a compelling state interest. The

68 Legislature further finds that the harm that may result from the

69 <u>release of the electronic mail addresses, telephone numbers,</u>

70 personal and business names, and parcel identification numbers

71 submitted to the clerk or property appraiser by a person who

72 registers for a recording notification service or a related

73 service to receive notifications of real property transfers

74 outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from the

75 disclosure of such information.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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## TITLE AMENDMENT

80 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: An act relating to public records; amending s. 28.47, F.S.; 81 82 providing that certain information submitted to the clerk or property appraiser by a person who registers for a recording 83 notification service or a related service is confidential and 84 85 exempt from public records requirements; providing an exception; 86 providing applicability; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a directive to the 87 Division of Law Revision; providing a statement of public 88 necessity; providing an effective date. 89

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