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S.B. No. 1697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information regarding  
3 procedures and substances and supplies used in the execution of a  
4 convict.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 552.1081 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 552.1081. EXCEPTION: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN  
9 INFORMATION REGARDING EXECUTION OF CONVICT. Information is  
10 excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it contains  
11 identifying information under Article 43.14, Code of Criminal  
12 Procedure, including that of:

13 (1) any person who participates in an execution  
14 procedure, including a person who uses supplies or administers a  
15 substance during the execution; and

16 (2) any person or entity that manufactures, compounds,  
17 prescribes, dispenses, or provides a substance or supplies used in  
18 an execution.

19 SECTION 2. Article 43.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Art. 43.14. EXECUTION OF CONVICT: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION  
22 [~~CONVICT~~]. (a) Whenever the sentence of death is pronounced  
23 against a convict, the sentence shall be executed at any time after  
24 the hour of 6 p.m. on the day set for the execution, by intravenous

1 injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity  
2 sufficient to cause death and until such convict is dead, such  
3 execution procedure to be determined and supervised by the director  
4 of the correctional institutions division of the Texas Department  
5 of Criminal Justice.

6 (b) The name, address, and other identifying information of  
7 the following is confidential and excepted from disclosure under  
8 Section 552.021, Government Code:

9 (1) any person who participates in an execution  
10 procedure described by Subsection (a), including a person who uses  
11 supplies or administers a substance during the execution; and

12 (2) any person or entity that manufactures, compounds,  
13 prescribes, dispenses, or provides a substance or supplies used in  
14 an execution.

15 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
16 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or  
17 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of  
18 this Act. A request for information that was received before the  
19 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
20 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in  
21 effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.