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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- COURT
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, Spears, and
Bennett

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-15-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-15 entitled "Court
2 Administration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **8-15-12. Rhode Island judicial security act. [Effective January 1, 2026.]**

4 (a) As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires
5 otherwise, have the following meanings:

6 (1) "Data aggregator" means a commercial entity that collects, assembles, or maintains
7 personal information concerning an individual or an employee of that entity in order to sell the
8 information or provide third-party access to the information.

9 (2) "Immediate family" means the spouse, domestic partner, child, step-child, parent, or
10 any other blood relative who lives in the same residence as a protected individual, as defined herein.

11 (3) "Personal information" means the Social Security number, residence addresses, home
12 phone numbers, mobile phone numbers, or personal email addresses of, and identifiable to, the
13 protected individual or immediate family member.

14 (4) "Protected individual" means a retired, recalled, or current justice, judge, or magistrate
15 of the Rhode Island unified judicial system, as defined in § 8-15-1, and retired, recalled, or current
16 justices, judges, and magistrates of the United States Supreme Court, United States Courts of
17 Appeal, United States District Courts and United States Bankruptcy Courts who reside in the State
18 of Rhode Island.

1 (b)(1) No state agency, county agency, or municipal agency shall publicly post or display
2 the personal information of any protected individual or immediate family member following receipt
3 of notice provided for in subsection (b)(2) of this section without first obtaining the written
4 permission of that individual.

5 (2) Each protected individual may file a written notice of their status as a protected
6 individual, for themselves and immediate family with any state, county, or municipal agency
7 requesting each state, county, or municipal agency to mark as confidential the protected
8 individual's or immediate family member's personal information.

9 (3) Upon receipt of a written request ~~in accordance with this section~~ submitted by a
10 protected individual, either directly or through an agent, the state, county, or municipal agency shall
11 remove the protected individual's or immediate family member's personal information from
12 publicly available content within seventy-two (72) hours; and further, shall not publicly post or
13 display the personal information of any protected individual or immediate family member without
14 first obtaining written permission from the protected individual.

15 (4) A state, county, or municipal agency shall comply with a written request received from
16 a protected individual's authorized agent if the request is submitted with a notarized affidavit signed
17 by the protected individual identifying their agent as being authorized to act on the protected
18 individual's behalf in accordance with this section.

19 ~~(4)~~(5) This subsection (b) shall not prohibit the list of delinquent taxpayers published
20 pursuant to § 44-1-34 from containing the name of any protected individual or immediate family
21 member, the type of tax levied, and the amount of the delinquency, including interest and penalty.
22 Addresses, including the city or town and zip code, of any protected individual or immediate family
23 member shall not be disclosed on such list once the division of taxation receives a written notice
24 filed in accordance with subsection (b)(2) of this section.

25 (c)(1) In accordance with this section, it shall be unlawful for a data aggregator to sell,
26 license, trade, purchase, or otherwise provide or make available for consideration a protected
27 individual's or immediate family member's personal information following receipt of notice
28 provided for in subsection (b)(2) of this section.

29 (2) Each protected individual may file a written notice of their status as a protected
30 individual, for themselves and immediate family, to any person, data aggregator, business, or
31 association, requesting the person, data aggregator, business, or association mark as confidential
32 the protected individual's or immediate family member's personal information.

33 (3) In accordance with this section, upon receipt of a written request submitted by the
34 protected individual, either directly or through an agent, to the person, data aggregator, business,

1 or association, the person, data aggregator, business, or association shall remove the protected
2 individual's or immediate family member's personal information from publicly available content
3 within ten (10) business days; ~~and further, shall not in the future publicly post or display the~~
4 ~~personal information of any protected individual or immediate family member without first~~
5 ~~obtaining written permission from the protected individual.~~

6 (4) Within ten (10) business days after receiving a protected individual's written request, a
7 person, data aggregator, business, or association shall ensure that the protected individual's or the
8 immediate family member's personal information is not made available on any website or
9 subsidiary website controlled by the person, data aggregator, business, or association, except for
10 disclosures to governmental agencies, law enforcement, healthcare organizations, insurance
11 organizations, financial institutions, or in connection with fraud prevention services or legal
12 process.

13 (5) A person, data aggregator, business, or association shall comply with a written request
14 received from a protected individual's authorized agent if the request is submitted with a notarized
15 affidavit signed by the protected individual identifying their agent as being authorized to act on the
16 protected individual's behalf in accordance with this section.

17 (6) After receiving a protected individual's written request, either directly or through an
18 agent, no person, data aggregator, business, or association shall transfer the protected individual's
19 or an immediate family member's personally identifiable information to any other person, business,
20 or association through any medium except as provided herein. This section shall not apply to a
21 transfer made at the request of the protected individual or that is necessary to effectuate the request
22 to the data aggregator, business, or association from the protected individual.

23 (7) A protected individual, or their immediate family member, whose personally
24 identifiable information is made public as a result of a violation of this section may bring an action
25 seeking injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction within the State of
26 Rhode Island. If the court grants injunctive or declaratory relief, the person, business, or association
27 responsible for the violation shall be required to pay the individual's costs and reasonable attorneys'
28 fees.

29 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would for purposes of the judicial security act permit an authorized agent to file a
- 2 written notice with a state, county, or municipal agency on behalf of a protected individual.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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