

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Senators Tikoian, LaMountain, Quezada, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Raptakis,  
McKenney, Burke, and Patalano

Date Introduced: March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate 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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- 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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