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Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated [Currentness](#)**GovernmentCode**([Refs & Annos](#))Title 5. Open **Government**; Ethics ([Refs & Annos](#))Subtitle A. Open **Government**[Chapter 552](#). Public Information ([Refs & Annos](#))[Subchapter C](#). Information Excepted from Required Disclosure→ [§ 552.147](#). Social Security Numbers

(a) The social security number of a living person is excepted from the requirements of [Section 552.021](#), but is not confidential under this section and this section does not make the social security number of a living person confidential under another provision of this chapter or other law.

(b) A **governmental** body may redact the social security number of a living person from any information the **governmental** body discloses under [Section 552.021](#) without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, a county or district clerk may disclose in the ordinary course of business a social security number that is contained in information held by the clerk's office, and that disclosure is not official misconduct and does not subject the clerk to civil or criminal liability of any kind under the law of this state, including any claim for damages in a lawsuit or the criminal penalty imposed by [Section 552.352](#).

(d) Unless another law requires a social security number to be maintained in a **government** document, on written request from an individual or the individual's representative the clerk shall redact within a reasonable amount of time all but the last four digits of the individual's social security number from information maintained in the clerk's official public records, including electronically stored information maintained by or under the control of the clerk. The individual or the individual's representative must identify, using a form provided by the clerk, the specific document or documents from which the partial social security number shall be redacted.

CREDIT(S)

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HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

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Acts 2007, 80th Leg., ch. 3 rewrote the section title and subsec. (a) and added subsecs. (c) and (d). Formerly, the section title and subsec. (a) read:

“§ 552.147. Exception: Social Security Number of Living Person.

“(a) The social security number of a living person is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021.”

CROSS REFERENCES

Personal information in real property records, see [V.T.C.A., Property Code § 11.008](#).

RESEARCH REFERENCES

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Encyclopedias

[TX Jur. 3d Administrative Law § 72](#), Information Excepted from Disclosure.

Forms

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3:3](#), Form Drafting Principles.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3:7](#), Deed of Trust.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 1:16](#), Recordation.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 1C:6](#), Formal Requirements--Execution and Recordation.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2:19](#), Introduction.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2:20](#), Short Form of Deed.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2:23](#), Deed Without Warranty.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3:16](#), Natural Person Confidentiality Disclosure.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3A:7](#), Oil and Gas Lease.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 1B:27](#), Execution and Recordation.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:39](#), Master Deed.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:57](#), Contract of Sale of Condominium Apartment.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:66](#), Apartment Warranty Deed.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:69](#), Purchase Agreement.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:70](#), Purchase Agreement for Time-Share Interest.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:71](#), Deed With Covenants of Title--Time-Share Condominium.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 2D:72](#), Membership Purchase Agreement for Use of Condominium Apartment.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3A:11](#), Transfer of Working Interest.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3A:13](#), Sale of Minerals.

[Texas Forms Legal and Business § 3A:26](#), Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease--With 640 Acre Pooling Provision.

[2 West's Texas Forms § 7.3](#), Exceptions from Disclosure.

V. T. C. A., **GovernmentCode** § 552.147, TX GOVT § 552.147

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