

Support HB 14-1112

Authorize Clerks to Redact Social Security Numbers

Background:

Americans care about protecting their identity. Currently, full Social Security Numbers (SSN) can be found on public documents at counties' Clerks and Recorders offices. Documents such as bank loans and death certificates have the potential to cause identity theft crimes which drain bank accounts, rack up credit card charges, and cause financial hardships on families. Individuals should be granted the opportunity to protect their information from identity thefts.

What HB 1112 will do:

- Allow individuals to protect their identity by requesting that the first five digits of their SSN be redacted from public documents
- Require county clerks to redact the first five digits of an individual's SSN from a public document if:
 - The document is electronic form
 - The county clerk has the necessary equipment
 - The individual submits the request on a form and pays a fee
- Allow a clerk to make a requested redaction even if he or she does not have the equipment

What HB 1112 will *NOT* do:

- Require a clerk to perform a redaction if they do not have the necessary equipment
- Require clerks to purchase the necessary equipment for redactions
- Allow redactions by white-out or marker on physical papers
- Change any statute regarding recording fees
- Redact any names, addresses or other information

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