

House Bill 573

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to county boards of tax assessors, so as to provide for the public  
3 restriction of property tax records by a county board of tax assessors of certain property  
4 owners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to county boards of tax assessors, is amended by adding a new Code section to read  
9 as follows:

10 "48-5-315.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'law enforcement officer' means any:

12 (1) Person employed or formerly employed by the United States government for the  
13 purpose of enforcing or regulating federal laws and any peace officer; or

14 (2) Current or former agent or officer of this state, or a political subdivision or  
15 municipality thereof, who is or was vested either expressly by law or by virtue of public  
16 employment or service with authority to enforce the criminal or traffic laws and whose

17 duties include or included the preservation of order, the protection of life and property,  
18 or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime.

19 (b) Within 30 days of the receipt of a written or electronic request from a property owner  
20 who is a law enforcement officer to restrict the public visibility of his or her property  
21 records by the county board of tax assessors, the property tax records of such property  
22 owner shall not be accessible through any public website of the county board of tax  
23 assessors and no search of such property owner's name or address on any such public  
24 website shall render information associated with such property owner."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.