- 1 НВ455
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- 3 By Representative Taylor
- 4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
- 5 First Read: 26-JAN-10

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Section 12-13-22, Code of Alabama 1975; to
9	require that a person recording certain documents with the
10	probate office redact, remove, or otherwise make illegible a
11	Social Security number or birthdate appearing on marriage
12	licenses or other documents, including military discharge
13	forms, filed as a public record; to authorize the judge of
14	probate to redact, remove, or otherwise make illegible a
15	Social Security number or birthdate appearing on marriage
16	licenses or other documents, including military discharge
17	forms, filed as a public record.
18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
19	Section 1. Section 12-13-22, Code of Alabama 1975,
20	is amended to read as follows:
21	"\$12-13-22.
22	"(a) Before recording any document, with the
23	exception of federal and state tax liens, as public record
24	with the probate court that conveys any interest in real or
25	personal property or purports to encumber an interest in real
26	or personal property, or any other document, including

1 <u>military discharge forms, that is filed as a public record in</u> 2 <u>the probate court,</u> the person submitting the document for 3 recordation shall redact, remove, or otherwise make illegible 4 any Social Security number appearing in the document. Removal 5 of the Social Security number shall be a condition to filing 6 the document.

7 "(b) Before recording any document, with the exception of federal and state tax liens, as public record 8 9 with the probate court that conveys any interest in real or 10 personal property or purports to encumber an interest in real 11 or personal property, the person submitting the document for 12 recordation shall redact, remove, or otherwise make illegible any birthdate if it appears in the document in connection with 13 14 a person's name unless the birthdate is required by law to be 15 included in the document or is a necessary part of the 16 document.

17 "(c) The judge of probate, in accordance with this section, may redact, remove, or otherwise make illegible a 18 Social Security number or birthdate appearing in connection 19 20 with a person's name that appears in any document, with the exception of federal and state tax liens, that conveys any 21 22 interest in real or personal property or purports to encumber 23 an interest in real or personal property and is recorded in the probate court, or any other document, including military 24 discharge forms, that is filed as a public record in the 25 26 probate court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, dates of birth

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shall not be redacted, removed, or otherwise made illegible on
 marriage certificates.

3 "The judge of probate may make such records
4 available to the public in electronic format and publish such
5 records on the Internet.

6 "(d) To the extent federal law conflicts with this 7 section, an instrument shall contain the information required 8 by and shall be filed in a manner that complies with federal 9 law.

10 "(e) The failure to comply with the requirements of 11 this section shall not invalidate or adversely affect any 12 document which is recorded even though that document does not 13 comply with the requirements of this section."

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective 15 immediately following its passage and approval by the 16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on County and Mu- nicipal Government
9 10 11 12	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar with 1 substitute and 11-FEB-10
13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended 06-APR-10
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16	Yeas 90, Nays 0, Abstains 1,
17 18 19 20	Greg Pappas Clerk