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HB 265 - Chair, Government, Labor and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

State Board of Elections – Address Confidentiality Program – Designation of Contact Person

Purposes:

- Require the State Board of Elections to designate a point of contact for electoral outreach in the address confidentiality program

Comments:

The State Board of Elections (SBE) supports this legislation.

The proposed legislation streamlines the SBE's service for confidential voters. It establishes a single point of contact at SBE for inquiries by participants and administration issues from the local boards of elections.

Recently, SBE has been doing greater outreach in its promotion of the address confidentiality program. Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, or human trafficking should not be disenfranchised out of fear of exposure of their residential addresses. Having a single point person, that individual can ensure safe and swift mail delivery of voting information and ballots directly to participants, and provide any other necessary customer service to these voters.

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