

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Bil Analysis

Bil No. HB 2351

Victims/sexual assault/address confidential program
Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

A system of address confidential for victims of domestic violence is established at the Secretary of State's office. A participant in this program may use an address designated by the Secretary of State as her or his resident address, school address, or work address. All first class mail that is delivered to the participant at the designated address is forwarded to the participant.

Records of the actual address of a participant may not be disclosed except to law enforcement agencies by court order or if the certification of the person in the program has been canceled.

The Secretary of State may designate state and local agencies and non-profit agencies that provide counseling and shelter services to victims of domestic assault to assist persons applying to be program participants.

A program participant may apply for non-going absentee vote and receive ballot in the same manner as a service voter.

SUMMARY:

The system of address confidential for victims of domestic violence is expanded to include victims of sexual assault.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill passed.