

Subject Candidate's address of residence

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Summary

When filing for office, current law permits a candidate to request that their address of residence be classified as private data due to concerns about the candidate's personal safety, or the safety of the candidate's family. This request is permitted only if the candidate certifies that the concerns have led to the filing of a police report or the issuance of an order for protection (OFP).

This bill broadens the authorization for these requests so that a candidate could shield their residential address based on a reasonable fear related to safety, regardless of whether a police report has been submitted or an OFP has actually been issued.

In situations where a candidate's address of residence is necessary to determine their eligibility to hold office, current law provides a process for the address to be reviewed by the filing officer. A request for review may be made by any registered voter in the state. If the candidate is determined to be ineligible for the office based on their residence, the filing officer must notify the candidate and must remove the candidate's name from the ballot. These procedures remain unchanged by this bill.