

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED SECRETARY OF  
STATE BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the address confidentiality program.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 9E.3, subsection 1, paragraphs e and f,  
2 Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

3 e. The residential address of the eligible person,  
4 disclosure of which could lead to an increased risk of domestic  
5 abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, assault, stalking,  
6 or human trafficking. If the eligible person's residential  
7 address is a shelter known to the program, the applicant may  
8 provide the shelter's name and other contact information in  
9 lieu of the shelter's physical address.

10 f. If mail cannot be delivered to the residential address of  
11 the eligible person, the address to which mail can be sent to  
12 the eligible person. If the eligible person's mailing address  
13 is a shelter known to the program, the applicant may provide  
14 the shelter's name and other contact information in lieu of the  
15 shelter's physical address.

16 Sec. 2. Section 9E.4, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 2. The secretary shall cancel a program participant's  
19 certification ~~if the~~ for any of the following reasons:

20 a. The program participant's application contains false  
21 information.

22 b. The secretary receives information from a reliable source  
23 that the program participant has died.

24 c. A program participant with legal documentation from a  
25 reliable source requests an adult member of a household to be  
26 removed from the program. An adult member of a household whose  
27 program certification is canceled is eligible to rejoin the  
28 program.

29 Sec. 3. Section 9E.5, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 3. The secretary shall forward all mail sent to the  
32 designated address to the program participant. At the request  
33 of the program participant, the secretary may hold the program  
34 participant's mail for up to thirty days.

35 Sec. 4. Section 9E.6, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended by

1 adding the following new paragraph:

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* The state commissioner of elections  
3 or a county commissioner of elections shall cancel a program  
4 participant's voter registration upon becoming aware of the  
5 program participant's voter registration in another state.

6 Sec. 5. Section 9E.6, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2025,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 *a.* A program participant who is otherwise eligible to  
9 vote may annually register with the state commissioner of  
10 elections as an absentee voter for the length of a program  
11 participant's certification period. As soon as practicable  
12 before each election, the state commissioner of elections shall  
13 determine the precinct in which the residential address of the  
14 program participant is located and shall request and receive  
15 from the county commissioner of elections the ballot for that  
16 precinct and shall forward the absentee ballot to the program  
17 participant with the other materials for absentee balloting as  
18 required of the county commissioner of elections by section  
19 53.8.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 Under current law, the address confidentiality program  
24 managed by the secretary of state provides mail forwarding  
25 services to program participants who include victims of  
26 domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, assault,  
27 stalking, or human trafficking, and individuals who fear for  
28 their own safety or the safety of a household member. This  
29 bill allows the secretary to (1) accept as an eligible person's  
30 residential or mailing address the name and other contact  
31 information of a shelter at which the eligible person resides  
32 in lieu of the shelter's physical address, (2) cancel an  
33 adult participant's certification or a deceased participant's  
34 certification upon receiving reliable information, and (3)  
35 hold a participant's mail for up to 30 days at the request of

1 the participant. The bill requires the secretary or a county  
2 commissioner of elections to cancel a participant's voter  
3 registration if aware that the participant is registered to  
4 vote in another state. The bill allows a program participant  
5 to register as an absentee voter for the length of the  
6 participant's certification period, rather than annually under  
7 current law.