

**Senate File 457 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 457  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1129)

(COMPANION TO HF 397 BY COMMITTEE  
ON STATE GOVERNMENT)

**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:

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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, disclosure  
4 of which could lead to an increased risk of domestic abuse,  
5 domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, assault, stalking, or human  
6 trafficking. If the eligible person's residential address is  
7 a shelter known to the program, the applicant may provide the  
8 shelter's name and other contact information in lieu of the  
9 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 to  
17 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 to  
30 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 or  
3 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 vote  
9 may ~~annually~~ register with the state commissioner of elections  
10 as an absentee voter for the length of a program participant's  
11 certification period. As soon as practicable before each  
12 election, the state commissioner of elections shall determine  
13 the precinct in which the residential address of the program  
14 participant is located and shall request and receive from the  
15 county commissioner of elections the ballot for that precinct and  
16 shall forward the absentee ballot to the program participant with  
17 the other materials for absentee balloting as required of the  
18 county commissioner of elections by section 53.8.

19 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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