Memorandum

To: LSA

From: Eric Gookin, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Secretary of State

Date: November 27, 2023

Re: Nominations Objections pre-filed SOS department bill.

This bill makes a number of changes to conditions for objecting to a candidate for federal office. Primarily, the bill makes changes to chapters 43, 44, 45, and 54, and clarifies that objections to candidates for federal office may only be sustained if there is a defect in the filing paperwork or a failure to meet residency requirements set out in the United States Constitution. This bill further clarifies that objections to presidential candidates nominated pursuant to ch. 54 will not be sustained unless there is a defect in the legal sufficiency of certificate of nomination received by the state commissioner from a political party or NPPO.