

SB 636 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

Carrier: Rep. Wilde

Action Date: 05/13/21
Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Leif, Valderrama, Wilde, Zika
Exc: 1 - Lively
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/11, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires state agencies to mail notices to a post office box, if a state agency has a post office box address on file as the last known address for an individual, or the post office box is the address to which the person has requested mailed notices be sent. Clarifies that mailing to a post office box address fulfills service by mail requirements and that if an agency fails to comply, but the person still receives notice, the notice is not invalidated.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of post office boxes by rural residents
- Service by mail requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

When a state agency mails a notice containing information specifically pertinent to an individual, the agency mails the notice to a physical street address on file for the individual. Many rural residents in the state rely on the use of a post office box to receive mail, making it difficult for some residents of the state to receive mailed notices from state agencies.

Senate Bill 636 A requires state agencies to send mailed notices to a post office box if that is the last address on file, or the recipient has requested mailed notices be sent there.