

SB 224 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the Secretary of State (SoS) from publishing the residence address of certain individuals associated with a candidate's principal campaign committee on its electronic filing system. The individuals include: a candidate, a committee director, a treasurer, and any other individual required to file statements, or who receives communication from the Secretary of State on behalf of the campaign committee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 The amendments do three things. First, they prohibit the SoS from publishing the residence address of any individual associated with a candidate's principal campaign committee, a political committee, and a petition committee on its electronic filing system, unless an individual directs the SoS to publish their address. Second, they subject these addresses to public records requests. Third, they set an operative date of January 2, 2027.

Fiscal impact: Minimal impact

Revenue impact: No impact

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Secretary of State was required to develop an electronic filing system to be used by all candidates and political committees to file their statements of contributions received and statements of expenditures made. In 2007 and 2013, petition committee treasurers and persons making independent expenditures, respectively, were required to use the system. All statements and data filed are to be made public by the Secretary through a searchable database on the internet.

Statements of contribution require that the name, occupation, and address of each person, political committee, or petition committee, and amount contributed, be provided. Statements of expenditure require the amount and purpose of each expenditure, and the city and state of each payee, be included. This information is made public via the electronic filing system.

[House Bill 4144 A \(2022\)](#) allowed election workers to exempt their residential address from disclosure as a public record. [House Bill 3073 A \(2023\)](#) limited the public accessibility of a candidate's residence address listed on a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy, and the residence address of a candidate or elected official on the list of registered voters.