



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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Requires the confidential voter registration form for program participants to include a statement that the participant understands that casting any ballot in person will reveal the participant's precinct and residence address to election officials and may reveal that information to the public.

Requires that form also to include a statement that the program participant understands that if the participant signs an election petition, the participant's residence address will be made available to the public.

Requires the Secretary of State, not later than the 45th day before the day of an election, to mail a notice of the following to each program participant who has a confidential voter registration record:

-- That if the participant wishes to vote in the election, the participant should cast absent voter's ballots by mail and the procedure to do so;

-- That casting any ballot in person will reveal the participant's precinct and residence address to election officials and may reveal that information to the public.

Clarifies that a participant's absent voter's ballot identification statement is not considered incomplete if the participant has a confidential voter registration record and provides the participant's program participant identification number instead of the participant's residence address.

Provides that notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, a participant who has a confidential voter registration record may vote only by casting absent voter's ballots.

Removes provisions of the bill that allowed a participant to cast a provisional ballot by providing a program participant identification number and allowed a

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

participant who has moved or had a change of name to update the participant's confidential voter registration by casting a provisional ballot with the new information.

Specifies that the contents of an application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a confidential voter registration record are not a public record.

Clarifies that any elector may file a challenge to a voter registration in person or by mail not later than 20 days before an election and that one set of procedures applies to all challenges.

Exempts an address confidentiality program participant from inclusion in a county or municipal jury source list.

Clarifies that a federal law enforcement officer, probation officer, bailiff, or community-based correctional facility employee may request a county auditor to substitute the person's initials for the person's name on any publicly available property records in the same manner as a peace officer or other similar person.

Allows a court that issues a domestic violence protection order or approves a domestic violence consent agreement to order a wireless service transfer if the petitioner does not hold the account for the petitioner's or the petitioner's minor child's wireless service number.

Requires a wireless service provider or reseller who is subject to such an order to transfer the rights to and billing responsibility for the wireless service number or numbers to the petitioner.

Specifies procedural requirements for a wireless service account transfer, including a requirement that the petitioner's contact information be kept confidential from the account holder.

Provides a procedure for the wireless service provider or reseller to notify the petitioner if the provider or reseller cannot follow the order because of operational or technical issues.