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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes a process for verifying that a candidate seeking an office for which a residency requirement applies meets that requirement.

An affidavit of candidacy would be required to contain the candidate's residential address and a telephone number at which the candidate may be contacted. Upon request by the candidate, the residential address would be classified as private data. A private data classification means that a government entity would be prohibited from releasing the candidate's address in response to a data practices request.

This bill also permits a registered voter to request that the candidate's address be reviewed to ensure it meets with any residency requirements that may apply to the office. Such a request must be made in writing, up to the day after the last day for filing for office. Upon receiving a request, the filing officer must determine if the candidate meets the residency requirement. If the candidate does not meet the requirement, the candidate must be notified immediately and the candidate's name may not appear on the ballot. A filing officer's decision may be reviewed by a court.

If a residency requirement applies to the office, but the requirement does not need to be met until after the close of filing for the office, a candidate who does not reside in the district at the time of filing must submit a separate affidavit containing the candidate's residential address and telephone number. This separate affidavit is required by the deadline for meeting the residency requirement. A candidate for judicial office, county attorney, and county sheriff are not required to comply with the provisions contained in this bill.