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Overview

This bill makes changes to the Safe at Home program administered by the secretary of state. The Safe at Home program is designed to help people who fear for their safety maintain a confidential address. Many times program participants are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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1 Definitions. This section makes a clarifying change to the definition of “address.”

2 Address confidentiality program.

Subd. 1. Adds date of birth as a required field on the application for the program.

Subd. 2. No changes.

Subd. 3. States that a person’s participation in the program may not be used in court as evidence of alleged actions (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking) that may have prompted the person’s decision to apply to the program.

Subd. 4. Specifies when a program participant or applicant must inform the secretary of state regarding a change in personal information. The requirement is limited to a change in legal name, address, or telephone number.

Subd. 5. States that each participant may only have one designated address, and prohibits holding multiple designated addresses.

3 Use of designated address. Requires that all mail must be sent to a participant through the designated address, even if a person or entity knows the participant’s physical address. Also

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clarifies that guardians ad litem are subject to the requirements to protect a physical address if a guardian receives notice of participation under this chapter.

- 4** **Classification of data.** States that participant name and designated address is public data in the hands of the Office of the Secretary of State.