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HB 2365: minimum vehicle speed; left lane NOW: political candidates; address confidentiality Sponsor: Representative Payne, LD 21 Senate Engrossed

The House Engrossed version of HB 2365 prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle at a speed that is less than the posted speed limit in the far-left lane of a highway with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction.

The Senate adopted a strike-everything amendment that does the following:

<u>Overview</u>

Allows a candidate, if the person does not have an actual residence address or if the person's address is protected pursuant to statute, to use a post office box or private mail box address on the nomination paper and petition.

<u>History</u>

Current statute requires a person desiring to become a candidate at a primary election, nonpartisan election or as a write-in candidate to submit a nomination paper and petition. In order to have the person's name printed on the official ballot the person must be a qualified elector and sign and cause to be filed a nomination paper that gives the person's actual residence address or description of place of residence and post office address. A nomination petition is the form or forms used for obtaining the required number of signatures of qualified electors, which is circulated by or on behalf of the person desiring to become a candidate for political office (<u>A.R.S.</u> <u>Title 16, Chapter 3</u>).

Eligible persons include peace officers, judges and justices, former public officials, corrections officers and others. An eligible person, and any registered voter who resides at the same residence address, is allowed to request that the general public be prohibited from accessing the eligible person's identifying information, including any documents and voting precinct number contained in their voter registration record. This action may be requested by filing an affidavit that states the following on an application developed by the administrative office of the courts in agreement with an association of counties and organization of peace officers: 1) the person's full legal name, date of birth and residential address; 2) the position the person currently holds and a description of the person's duties; and 3) the reasons for reasonably believing that the person's life or safety is in danger and that sealing the identifying information and voting precinct number will serve to reduce the danger (A.R.S. § 16-153).

Provisions

1. Allows a person desiring to become a candidate at a primary election, nonpartisan election or a write-in candidate to include, on their nomination paper and petition, a post office box or private mail box address if the person's actual residence is protected pursuant to statute.

- a) Specifies that the post office box or private mail box address must be in the candidate's district, precinct, county, city, town, ward or municipality, as applicable. (Sec. 1-3)
- 2. States that a qualified elector who is not a registered member of a recognized political party, that person may submit a nomination petition with a description of place of residence if the candidate does not have an actual residence address or a post office box or private mail box address in the appropriately located area if the person's residence address is protected pursuant to statute. (Sec. 4)
- 3. Permits nomination papers for candidates for the office of presidential elector to include a person's post office box or private mail box address if their actual residence address is protected pursuant to statute. (Sec. 5)
- 4. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2, 4)

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