

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5494

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2022) Any list of contact 2 information or portion of such list created or modified by a member of 3 the General Assembly or such member's staff for purposes related to the 4 member's public office, shall be confidential and shall not be subject to 5 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Any such list may be 6 disclosed to a public agency of the state for a governmental purpose, 7 provided (1) any such disclosure for governmental purposes shall not 8 make such list a public record for purposes of the Freedom of 9 Information Act, and (2) such list may not be disclosed or used for 10 purposes of a political campaign, primary, referendum or election. For 11 purposes of this section, "contact information" means an individual's 12 electronic mail address and "Freedom of Information Act" and "public 13 agency" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-200 of the 14 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt certain contact information created by a member of the General Assembly for official purposes from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and to prohibit its use for campaign purposes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]