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Research Analysis

SB 677 provides that a candidate's place of residence and mailing address will be kept confidential and requires a voter registration verification form be submitted in the declaration of candidacy. The address of residence and the mailing address provided on the declaration of candidacy must be verified by the secretary of the election board with whom the Declaration was provided and must be kept confidential, however the information must be provided in anticipation of or as part of a contest of candidacy or content of an election. Prior to filling out a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate must obtain a voter registration verification form from the secretary that the candidate files with. The verification form must include the candidate's voter information including party affiliation, voter identification number, precinct and county where the voter is registered and the original date of voter registration, if available, as well as all districts where the candidate is registered to vote. The secretary of the election board must only accept a Declaration of Candidacy if the information in the voter registration verification matches the Declaration of Candidacy and all other requirements are met. The Secretary of the State Election Board will prescribe the voter registration verification form. These provisions will not apply to candidates for federal office.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 677 stipulates that the place of residence and mailing address of those filing Declarations of Candidacy will remain confidential but may be provided to any lawful authority as part of a contest of candidacy or contest of election. This measure also requires those filing Declarations of Candidacy to provide a voter registration verification form, provided by the Secretary of the Election Board. The State Election Board (SEB) currently estimates that the programming costs and alterations to the Declaration of Candidacy forms can be completed for a total fiscal impact of less than \$20,000.

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Other Considerations

None.

