Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB835S1 **Patron:** McClure
Bill Title: Elections; candidates and elected officials; address confidentiality.

Bill Summary: Prohibits the custodian of any filing made by a candidate from releasing the address, phone number, or email address of such candidate in response to a request made under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The bill permits a candidate to provide the unique identifier assigned to him in the voter registration system pursuant to subdivision A 1 of § 24.2-404 in place of his residence address on any candidate filing. The State Board is prohibited from requiring candidates to disclose their address or unique identifier on petitions prior to their being filed. The bill also adds elected officials to the list of people who may furnish, in addition to their residence street address, a post office box address located within the Commonwealth to be included in lieu of their street address on the lists of registered voters. The certificate of election delivered to the winner of an election is required to be accompanied by a notice that the person meets the qualifications for being granted protected voter status along with instructions for updating their voter registration in order to attain such status.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Elections considers the scope of implementation for this bill to be within the ordinary course of post legislative session changes and does not require additional funding.

Other: Similar legislation includes SB54 and SB632.