

1 H.226

2 Introduced by Representative Bluemle of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; local elections; candidate information; Secretary of State

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
7 candidates for certain local, county, legislative, and statewide offices to
8 provide their contact and demographic information to the applicable election
9 officials and for municipal and county clerks to file the information provided
10 to them with the Secretary of State.

11 An act relating to candidate information to be provided to the Secretary of
12 State

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2359 is amended to read:

15 § 2359. NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE

16 Within three days after the last day for filing petitions, all ~~town~~ municipal
17 and county clerks who have received petitions shall ~~notify~~ file with the
18 Secretary of State ~~of the names of all candidates,~~ a list containing the name,
19 gender, age, race or ethnicity, street address, and e-mail address of all
20 candidates, to the extent this information is provided by candidates; the offices

1 for which ~~they~~ the candidates have filed; the end dates of those terms of
2 office; and whether each candidate has submitted a sufficient number of valid
3 signatures to comply with the requirements of section 2355 of this title. ~~Town~~
4 Municipal and county clerks shall also notify the Secretary of State of any
5 petitions found not to conform to the requirements of this chapter and returned
6 to a candidate under section 2358 of this title; and shall notify the Secretary of
7 State of the status of such ~~petition~~ petitions not later than two days after the last
8 day for filing supplementary petitions.

9 Sec. 2 17 V.S.A. § 2361(b) is amended to read:

10 (b)(1) The consent shall set forth the ~~name of the candidate~~, candidate's
11 name as the candidate wishes to have it printed on the ballot; the candidate's
12 gender, age, race or ethnicity, town of residence, ~~and~~ correct mailing address,
13 and e-mail address; and end date of the term of office. A candidate who does
14 not provide such information may still appear on the ballot if all other
15 requirements are met.

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17 Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. § 2665 is amended to read:

18 § 2665. NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE

19 The ~~town~~ municipal clerk shall file with the Secretary of State a list ~~of the~~
20 ~~names and addresses of the selectboard members elected and~~ containing the
21 name, gender, age, race or ethnicity, street address, e-mail address, to the

1 extent the information is provided by the candidate, and end date of the term of
2 office of each selectboard member, schoolboard member, city councilor,
3 village trustee, and mayor elected. The municipal clerk shall notify the
4 Secretary of State of any changes in the list as filed.

5 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.