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Senator Posey moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 5, between lines 22 and 23,

insert:

(4) The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of participants in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence which are contained in voter registration and voting records held by the supervisor of elections and the Department of State be made exempt from public-records requirements. Participants in the program have demonstrated to the Office of the Attorney General that there exists a risk to their physical safety and security. Nonetheless, program participants must be afforded the ability to participate in society and cast a vote in elections. However, the supervisor of elections and the Department of State must have a verifiable address for a program participant in order to place that participant in the proper voting district and to maintain accurate records for compliance with

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1 state and federal requirements. The public-records exemption
2 for the participant's name is a public necessity because
3 access to such name narrows the location of that participant
4 to his or her voting area. In addition, access to the
5 participant's address and telephone number provides specific
6 location and contact information for the participant.
7 Therefore, access to the participant's name, address, and
8 telephone number defeats the sole purpose of the Address
9 Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence,
10 which is to provide safety and security for each participant.

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