HB 7123 — OGSR/Address Confidentiality/Domestic Violence

by Governmental Affairs Policy and Rep. Mayfield (SB 882 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee)

This bill saves from repeal the public-records exemption for the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence (ACP or program). The ACP was established in 1998 by ss. 741.401 through 741.465, F.S., and is administered by the Office of the Attorney General. Any victim of domestic violence who relocates to an address unknown to her abuser or potential assailant is eligible to participate in the program.

The exemption protects from disclosure the addresses, telephone numbers, and social security numbers of ACP participants held by the Office of the Attorney General, the supervisor of elections, or the Department of State.

This bill repeals s. 3 of chapter 2005-279, Laws of Florida.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0