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An act to amend Section 6209.5 and 6215.12 of the Government Code,
relating to state government.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 6209.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

6209.5. The Secretary of State ~~shall~~ shall, upon appropriation, provide each program participant a notice in clear and conspicuous font that contains all of the following information:

(a) The program participant is authorized by law to request to use his or her address designated by the Secretary of State on real property deeds, change of ownership forms, and deeds of trust when purchasing or selling a home.

(b) The program participant may create a revocable living trust and place his or her real property into the trust to protect his or her residential street address from disclosure in real property transactions.

(c) The program participant may obtain a change of his or her legal name to protect his or her anonymity.

(d) A list of contact information for entities that the program participant may contact to receive information on, or receive legal services for, the creation of a trust to hold real property or obtaining a name change, including county bar associations, legal aid societies, domestic violence prevention organizations, state and local agencies, or other nonprofit organizations that may be able to assist program participants.

SEC. 2. Section 6215.12 of the Government Code is amended to read:

6215.12. The Secretary of State ~~shall~~ shall, upon appropriation, provide each program participant a notice in clear and conspicuous font that contains all of the following information:



(a) The program participant is authorized by law to request to use his or her address designated by the Secretary of State on real property deeds, change of ownership forms, and deeds of trust when purchasing or selling a home.

(b) The program participant may create a revocable living trust and place his or her real property into the trust to protect his or her residential street address from disclosure in real property transactions.

(c) The program participant may obtain a change of his or her legal name to protect his or her anonymity.

(d) A list of contact information for entities that the program participant may contact to receive information on, or receive legal services for, the creation of a trust to hold real property or obtaining a name change, including county bar associations, legal aid societies, state and local agencies, or other nonprofit organizations that may be able to assist program participants.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Protection of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and reproductive health care service providers: address confidentiality.

Existing law authorizes victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and reproductive health care services providers, employees, volunteers, and patients, to complete an application to be approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enabling state and local agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing a program participant's residence address contained in any public record and otherwise provides for confidentiality of identity for that person, subject to specified conditions. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to provide each program participant a notice in clear and conspicuous font that contains specified information, including that the program participant is authorized by law to request to use his or her address designated by the Secretary of State on real property deeds, change of ownership forms, and deeds of trust when purchasing or selling a home.



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This bill would specify that the Secretary of State is required to provide that notice upon appropriation by the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



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