



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6778***

LCO No. 4690



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROXY ADDRESS PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR HOUSING INSECURITY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Proxy address" means any mailing address provided for the use  
3 of any individual experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity;
- 4 (2) "Individual experiencing homelessness" means any person who  
5 does not have permanent shelter or sufficient income or resources to  
6 secure such shelter; and
- 7 (3) "Housing insecurity" means the lack of a stable or adequate living  
8 situation due to unsafe or overcrowded conditions or an imminent risk  
9 of eviction or other loss of permanent housing.
- 10 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish a pilot program to  
11 provide individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity  
12 with proxy addresses. The pilot program shall be designed to serve not

13 more than one thousand qualifying individuals and provide proxy  
14 addresses for such individuals for not less than one year. The  
15 commissioner may establish eligibility criteria as necessary to ensure the  
16 effective operation of the pilot program.

17 (c) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish procedures for the  
18 administration of the pilot program, including, but not limited to, the  
19 issuance, use and maintenance of proxy addresses. Such procedures  
20 shall not be deemed a regulation for purposes of chapter 54 of the  
21 general statutes. The commissioner may contract with a third-party  
22 vendor to provide proxy address services and may utilize any existing  
23 programs offered by the United States Postal Service.

24 (d) Proxy addresses provided under the pilot program shall (1) be  
25 confidential and not be a public record for purposes of the Freedom of  
26 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, (2)  
27 not be subject to disclosure under the provisions of section 1-210 of the  
28 general statutes, and (3) not be disclosed except as necessary for the  
29 administration of the pilot program or as required by law or pursuant  
30 to a court order. The commissioner shall take reasonable steps to protect  
31 the privacy and security of proxy addresses and the holders of such  
32 addresses.

33 (e) Any proxy address provided under the pilot program shall not be  
34 used for the purpose of establishing status as an elector of any  
35 municipality of the state.

36 (f) The commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with  
37 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
38 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing  
39 not later than October 1, 2024. Such report shall include an analysis of  
40 the number of individuals served by the pilot program, the impact of  
41 the pilot program on individuals experiencing homelessness and  
42 housing insecurity, and any recommendations for the continuation or  
43 expansion of the pilot program. The pilot program shall terminate on  
44 July 1, 2025.

45       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
46 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Housing from the General  
47 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the proxy address pilot  
48 program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) require the Commissioner of Housing to establish a pilot program to provide proxy addresses for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, and (2) appropriate funds for such pilot program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*