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(54) **RESOLVING DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM (DNS) REQUESTS VIA PROXY MECHANISMS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Systems and methods are described herein for providing proxy mechanisms for DNS services, such as resolving DNS requests. In some embodiments, the systems and methods establish a Proxy DNS module at a DNS resolver of an internet service provider, and access, with the proxy DNS module, DNS queries destined for a public name server. The name server may be accessible by the DNS resolver via a publically-accessible network. Further, the systems and methods may route the accessed DNS queries to a private name server associated with the proxy DNS module and accessible via a private communications channel, and receive, from the private name server and via the private communications channel, IP addresses associated with the DNS queries.

