

## Committee on Ethics and Elections

### **CS/HB 249 — Public Records Exemption**

by Local and Federal Affairs Committee and Rep. Nelson (CS/SB 1260 by Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Ring)

CS/HB 249 is the public records exemption companion bill to the Paper Reduction bill (CS/CS/HB 247). Among other things, the Paper Reduction bill creates a blank to solicit a voter's email address on the voter registration application. CS/HB 249 amends the public records exemption in s. 97.0585, F.S., to provide that certain information obtained for the purpose of voter registration is confidential and exempt. That Section is also amended to make an email address provided by a voter registration applicant or voter confidential and exempt. The new exemption will expire on October 2, 2018, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 36-1; House 114-1*