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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public records; specifying that  
3           certain voter registration information and data from  
4           another state obtained by the Secretary of State,  
5           which is confidential under the laws of such state, is  
6           confidential and exempt from public records  
7           requirements; providing a statement of public  
8           necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Information and data received by the Secretary  
13 of State relating to the statewide voter registration system  
14 pursuant to s. 97.012(17), Florida Statutes, and that is  
15 confidential in its state of origin, is confidential and exempt  
16 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of  
17 the State Constitution.

18           Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
19 necessity that voter registration information received from  
20 other states in conjunction with an information sharing  
21 agreement associated with the maintenance of the statewide voter  
22 registration system be made confidential and exempt from s.  
23 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
24 State Constitution, to the extent that the information received  
25 is confidential in the state from which it is received.  
26 Participating in agreements to share information and data with  
27 other states is critical to ensuring the statewide voter  
28 registration system does not contain ineligible voters.  
29 Maintaining a statewide voter registration system with only

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30 legally qualified voters is critical to fair elections in this  
31 state.

32 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
33 SB \_\_\_ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
34 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension  
35 thereof and becomes a law.