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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
02/17/2016	.	
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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 97.0585, Florida
Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) of that section is
reenacted, to read:

97.0585 Public records exemption; information regarding
voters and voter registration; confidentiality.—

(1) The following information held by an agency as defined



11 in s. 119.011, and obtained for the purpose of voter
12 registration, is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
13 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and may be used only
14 for purposes of voter registration:

15 (a) All declinations to register to vote made pursuant to
16 ss. 97.057 and 97.058.

17 (b) Information relating to the place where a person
18 registered to vote or where a person updated a voter
19 registration.

20 (c) The social security number, driver license number, and
21 Florida identification number of a voter registration applicant
22 or voter.

23 (d) All information concerning preregistered voter
24 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age. This
25 paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in
26 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,
27 2021, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment
28 by the Legislature.

29 (3) This section applies to information held by an agency
30 before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

31 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
32 necessity that all information concerning preregistered voter
33 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age which is
34 held by an agency, and obtained for the purpose of voter
35 registration, be confidential and exempt from public records
36 requirements and be used only for purposes of voter
37 registration. Information concerning preregistered 16-year-old
38 and 17-year-old voter registration applicants could be misused
39 if released. Minors are more vulnerable members of society, and



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40 the widespread release of information acquired through
41 preregistration activities may be used to solicit, harass,
42 stalk, or intimidate such individuals. Without such protection,
43 a minor may be less likely to take advantage of preregistering
44 to vote, thus hindering the effective and efficient
45 administration of a program that otherwise encourages greater
46 participation in the democratic process.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete everything before the enacting clause
52 and insert:

53 A bill to be entitled
54 An act relating to public records; amending s.
55 97.0585, F.S., and reenacting subsection (3), relating
56 to a public records exemption for information
57 regarding voters and voter registration; providing an
58 exemption from public records requirements for
59 information concerning minor preregistered voter
60 registration applicants; providing for future
61 legislative review and repeal; providing for
62 retroactive application; providing a statement of
63 public necessity; providing an effective date.