

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

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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  
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  
33 | that HB 707 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
34 | legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
35 | extension thereof and becomes a law.