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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Lee moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 33 - 41

and insert:

(d) The telephone number and e-mail address of a voter registration applicant or voter, except that such information must be made available to or reproduced only for the voter registration applicant or voter, an official elected to public office, a canvassing board, and an election official, or, for political purposes only, to a political party or official thereof, a candidate as defined in s. 106.011, and a registered



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12 political committee.

13 (e) All information concerning preregistered voter
14 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age.

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16 Paragraphs (d) and (e) are subject to the Open Government Sunset
17 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
18 on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
19 through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

22 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public
23 necessity that the telephone number and e-mail address of a
24 voter registration applicant or voter which are held by an
25 agency and obtained for the purpose of voter registration be
26 made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
27 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The
28 telephone number and e-mail address of a voter registration
29 applicant or voter are personal and sensitive information and
30 could be misused by a dishonest person if placed in the public
31 domain along with the name of the applicant or voter. The
32 information could be used for consumer scams, unwanted
33 solicitations, or other forms of invasive contact. In addition,
34 a voter registration applicant or voter may be harassed through
35 these mediums if the information is publicly available. The
36 potential for harm that results from unfettered access to a
37 voter registration applicant's or voter's telephone number or e-
38 mail address exceeds any public benefit that may be derived from
39 disclosure of such information.

40 (2) The Legislature also finds that e-mail addresses are



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41 personal information that could be misused and could result in
42 voter fraud if released. A voter may request a vote-by-mail
43 ballot using an e-mail address. Unrestricted access to such e-
44 mail addresses may enable others to determine which voters are
45 intending to vote by vote-by-mail ballot and result in the
46 confiscation and misuse of a mailed vote-by-mail ballot by a
47 person other than the requesting voter. In addition, collection
48 of the e-mail address of a voter registration applicant or a
49 voter would give supervisors of elections the opportunity to
50 employ the cost-saving measure of electronically transmitting
51 sample ballots. If a voter registration applicant or a voter
52 knows that his or her e-mail address is subject to public
53 disclosure, he or she may be less willing to provide the e-mail
54 address to the supervisor of elections. Accordingly, the
55 effective and efficient administration of a governmental program
56 would be significantly impaired.

57 (3) The Legislature also finds that it is a public
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60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete lines 5 - 10

62 and insert:

63 regarding voters and voter registration; providing
64 exemptions from public records requirements for the
65 telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of voter
66 registration applicants and voters and for information
67 concerning preregistered voter registration applicants
68 who are minors; authorizing disclosure of telephone
69 numbers and e-mail addresses under specified



70 circumstances; providing for future legislative review
71 and repeal of the exemptions; providing for
72 retroactive application; providing statements of