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HOUSE BILL NO. 365

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORENO AND BROADWATER

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides with respect to voter registration information and data

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:18(D) and to enact R.S. 18:154(C)(2)(d), relative to certain
3 voter information and data; to authorize the secretary of state to enter into certain
4 agreements to share certain voter information or data; to provide for the purposes of
5 such agreements; to require certain provisions; to provide relative to the
6 confidentiality of certain voter information and data; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:18(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:154(C)(2)(d)
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

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13 D. The secretary of state may enter into cooperative agreements with other
14 states or the Electronic Registration Information Center to share voter registration
15 information or data for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered in more
16 than one state and for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer
17 system. The secretary of state shall include in any such cooperative agreement a
18 provision for the privacy of the information or data that complies fully with
19 applicable state and federal law.

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1 §154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions

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7 (d) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to
8 voter registration information or data transmitted to a state or the Electronic
9 Registration Information Center for purposes of determining whether a voter is
10 registered to vote in more than one state and for the maintenance of the state voter
11 registration computer system.

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13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the secretary of state to enter into certain cooperative agreements with other states or the Electronic Registration Information Center to share voter information and data and requires privacy provisions relative to such information and data.

Present law (R.S. 18:18(D)) authorizes the secretary of state to enter into cooperative agreements with other states to share voter registration information for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered in more than one state.

Proposed law retains present law. Additionally authorizes the secretary of state to enter into cooperative agreements for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer system. Authorizes the secretary of state to enter into cooperative agreements with the Electronic Registration Information Center. Provides that such cooperative agreements may also involve the sharing of voter registration data. Requires the secretary of state to include in

any such cooperative agreement a provision for the privacy of the information or data that complies fully with applicable state and federal law.

Present law (R.S. 18:154) prohibits the registrar and the Dept. of State from disclosing certain voter information, including a voter's mother's maiden name and the driver's license number, social security number, day and month of the date of birth, e-mail address, and short message service number of a voter. Provides exceptions.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law for voter registration information or data transmitted to a state or the Electronic Registration Information Center for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered to vote in more than one state and for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer system.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:18(D); Adds R.S. 18:154(C)(2)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Authorizes the secretary of state to enter into cooperative agreements with the Electronic Registration Information Center, instead of with groups of states.
2. Provides that the proposed law exception to prohibitions against disclosure of certain voter information applies to information or data transmitted to the Electronic Registration Information Center, instead of information or data transmitted to a group of states.