
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Dept. of State from disclosing specified computer system information or any information contained within the state voter registration computer system and election management system which if disclosed may impair the security of the statewide voter registration system and election management system or the integrity of the information maintained on the systems or voting equipment.

Present law (R.S. 18:154) provides that the records of each registrar are public records. Provides for exceptions. Present law (R.S. 18:154(G)) prohibits the registrar, clerk of court, and the Dept. of State from disclosing certain information, including information received from another state pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement; geographical coding of addresses of registered voters; or an application to vote absentee by mail, or information contained therein, until the applicant has returned his voted ballot.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits the registrar, clerk of court, and the Dept. of State from disclosing computer system or program information, including software, related menus, flow charts, network diagrams, passwords, source materials, prompts, dialogues, operating manuals, programming materials or instructions, and any other computer operating or support materials concerning the state voter registration computer system and election management system or voting equipment and any information contained within the state voter registration computer system and election management system which if disclosed may impair the security of the statewide voter registration system and election management system or the integrity of the information maintained on the systems or voting equipment.

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

(Adds R.S.18:154(G)(4) and (5))