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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Dept. of State from disclosing specified computer system information.

Present law (R.S. 18:154) provides that the records of each registrar of voters 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 the following:

- (1) Information of a type exempted from disclosure pursuant to present law received from another state pursuant to a cooperative agreement authorized by present law (R.S. 18:18(D)).
- (2) Geographical coding of addresses of registered voters.
- (3) An application to vote absentee by mail, or information contained therein, until the applicant has returned his voted ballot to the registrar.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.

Proposed law retains present law. Additionally prohibits the registrar, clerk of court, and the Dept. of State from disclosing user names, non-public uniform resource locators, database object names, computer names, device identifiers and serial numbers, screen printouts and captures, internet protocol address numbers, and instructional manuals.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:154(G)(4); Adds R.S. 18:154(G)(6))