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BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

ELECTION CODE: Prohibits disclosure by the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Department of State of information that, if disclosed, may compromise the security of the state voter registration computer system and election management system

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:154(G)(4) and (5), relative to election officials; to prohibit the disclosure 3 of specified information by specified election officials relating to the security and 4 integrity of the state voter registration computer system and election management 5 system and voting equipment; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 18:154(G)(4) and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows: 8 §154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions 9 10 G. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar, the clerk of court, and the Department of State shall be prohibited from 11 12 disclosing the following: 13 14 (4) Computer system or program information, including software, related 15 menus, flow charts, network diagrams, passwords, source materials, prompts, 16 dialogues, operating manuals, programming materials or instructions, and any other 17 computer operating or support materials concerning the state voter registration 18 computer system and election management system or voting equipment.

1 (5) Any information contained within the state voter registration computer 2 system and election management system which if disclosed may impair the security 3 of the statewide voter registration system and election management system or the 4 integrity of the information maintained on the systems or voting equipment. 5 6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 7 8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 10 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the registrars of voters, clerks 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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 18:154(G)(4) and (5))