

SENATE BILL NO. 707

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:2, relative to public records; to exempt certain records obtained by the legislature for certain specified purposes from the public records law; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 44:2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2. Records involved in legislative investigations

A.(1) ~~Subject to the proviso set forth in Sub-section B of R.S. 44:3, the~~ **The** provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, photographs or copies thereof, in the custody or control of ~~any attorney or counsel whose duties or functions are performed by or under the authority of the~~ legislature, **or either house or any committee or officer thereof**, and which concern or hold relation to any case, cause, charge or investigation being conducted by or through the legislature, **or either house or any committee or officer thereof**, until after the case, cause, charge or investigation has been finally disposed of.

(2) All records, files, documents, and communications, and information contained therein, obtained or developed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection that pertain to or impart the identity of any confidential source of information shall be privileged, and no court shall order the disclosure of same except on grounds of due process or constitutional law. No member, officer, or employee of the legislature shall disclose or produce such privileged records, files, documents, communications, or information except on a court order.

(3) After ~~Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, after~~ final disposition, the records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, photographs or copies thereof, are public records and subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

1 B.(1) The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any privileged or
2 confidential data or records in the custody of the legislature or either house
3 thereof which are obtained or used for the purpose of considering the election,
4 confirmation or approval of any nomination or appointment for which election,
5 confirmation, or approval by the legislature or either house thereof is required.

6 (2) Nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit the disclosure of any
7 information relevant to the education, employment history, or work experience
8 of an appointee or nominee.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____