

1 SB108
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3 By Senators Ross and Smitherman
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 To amend Section 17-4-33, Code of Alabama 1975,
12 relating to the computerized statewide voter registration
13 list, to further provide for the requirement that the list be
14 provided to each political party and allow the list to be
15 transmitted electronically.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Section 17-4-33, Code of Alabama 1975, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "§17-4-33.

20 "The State of Alabama shall provide, through the
21 Secretary of State, a nondiscriminatory, single, uniform,
22 official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide
23 voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered
24 by the Secretary of State, with advice from the Voter
25 Registration Advisory Board and the President of the Alabama
26 Probate Judges Association, which contains the name and
27 registration information of every legally registered voter in

1 the state. The computerized list shall comply with the
2 following requirements:

3 "(1) It shall serve as the single system for storing
4 and managing the official list of registered voters throughout
5 the state.

6 "(2) It shall contain the name, address, and voting
7 location, as well as other information deemed necessary by the
8 Voter Registration Advisory Board or the Secretary of State,
9 of every legally registered voter in the state.

10 "(3) A unique identifier shall be assigned to each
11 legally registered voter in the state.

12 "(4) It shall contain the voting history of each
13 registered voter.

14 "(5) It shall be coordinated with the driver's
15 license database of the Department of Public Safety and the
16 appropriate state agency to assist in the removal of deceased
17 voters.

18 "(6) Any election official in the state, including
19 any local election official, may obtain immediate electronic
20 access to the information contained in the computerized list.

21 "(7) All voter registration information obtained by
22 any registrar in the state shall be electronically entered
23 into the computerized list on an expedited basis at the time
24 information is provided to the registrar.

25 "(8) The Secretary of State shall provide such
26 support as may be required so that registrars are able to
27 enter voter registration information.

1 "(9) It shall serve as the official voter
2 registration list for the conduct of all elections.

3 "~~(10) The Secretary of State shall furnish one copy~~
4 ~~of the computerized list free of charge to each political~~
5 ~~party that has satisfied the ballot access requirements for a~~
6 ~~statewide election within two weeks of the date of a written~~
7 ~~request for the list by the chair of the political party.~~
8 Following each state and county election, the Secretary of
9 State shall provide one electronic copy of the computerized
10 voter list free of charge to each political party that
11 satisfied the ballot access requirements for that election.
12 The electronic copy of the computerized voter list shall be
13 provided within 30 days of the certification of the election
14 or upon the completion of the election vote history update
15 following the election, whichever comes first. In addition,
16 upon written request from the chair of a political party, the
17 Secretary of State shall furnish up to two additional
18 electronic copies of the computerized voter file during each
19 calendar year to each political party that satisfied the
20 ballot access requirements during the last statewide election
21 held prior to that calendar year. The electronic copies
22 provided pursuant to this section shall contain the full,
23 editable data as it exists in the computerized voter list
24 maintained by the Secretary of State.

25 "(11) The list shall be maintained so that it is
26 technologically secure."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 34
Nays 0

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Secretary