

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3           97.0585, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
4           records requirements for information concerning  
5           preregistered voter registration applicants who are  
6           minors; providing for future legislative review and  
7           repeal; providing for retroactive application;  
8           providing a statement of public necessity; providing  
9           an effective date.

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11   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 97.0585, Florida  
14           Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) of that section is  
15           reenacted, to read:

16           97.0585 Public records exemption; information regarding  
17           voters and voter registration; confidentiality.—

18           (1) The following information held by an agency, as  
19           defined in s. 119.011, and obtained for the purpose of voter  
20           registration is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
21           24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and may be used only for  
22           purposes of voter registration:

23           (a) All declinations to register to vote made pursuant to  
24           ss. 97.057 and 97.058.

25           (b) Information relating to the place where a person

26 registered to vote or where a person updated a voter  
27 registration.

28 (c) The social security number, driver license number, and  
29 Florida identification number of a voter registration applicant  
30 or voter.

31 (d) All information concerning preregistered voter  
32 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age. This  
33 paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
34 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
35 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
36 by the Legislature.

37 (3) This section applies to information held by an agency  
38 before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

39 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
40 necessity that all information concerning preregistered voter  
41 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age which is  
42 held by an agency, and obtained for the purpose of voter  
43 registration, be confidential and exempt from public records  
44 requirements and be used only for purposes of voter  
45 registration. Information concerning preregistered voter  
46 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age could be  
47 misused if released. Minors are more vulnerable members of  
48 society, and the widespread release of information acquired  
49 through preregistration activities may be used to solicit,  
50 harass, stalk, or intimidate such individuals. Without such

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51 protection, a minor may be less likely to take advantage of  
52 preregistering to vote, thus hindering the effective and  
53 efficient administration of a program that otherwise encourages  
54 greater participation in the democratic process.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.