

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Prohibits the disclosure of addresses and telephone numbers of election commissioners

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:154(J), relative to records of the registrar of voters; to provide relative to
3 confidentiality of certain records relative to election commissioners; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:154(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions

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9 J. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the registrar,
10 the clerk of court, and the Department of State shall not disclose the address or
11 telephone number of an early voting commissioner, commissioner-in-charge, or
12 commissioner who is certified to serve in an election.

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 290 Engrossed

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Bishop

Abstract: Prohibits disclosure of the address or telephone number of an election commissioner who is certified to serve in an election.

Present law provides that the records of the registrar of voters are public records. Provides exceptions.

Proposed law prohibits a registrar, a clerk of court, and the Dept. of State from disclosing the address or telephone number of any election commissioner who is certified to serve in an election.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:154(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add the Dept. of State to those who are prohibited from disclosing the address or telephone number of an election commissioner.
2. Add provision making proposed law effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.