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HOUSE BILL NO. 365

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORENO AND BROADWATER

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides with respect to voter registration information and data

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:18(D) and to enact R.S. 18:154(C)(2)(d), relative to certain
3 voter information and data; to authorize the secretary of state to enter into certain
4 agreements to share certain voter information or data; to provide for the purposes of
5 such agreements; to require certain provisions; to provide relative to the
6 confidentiality of certain voter information and data; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:18(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:154(C)(2)(d)
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

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13 D. The secretary of state may enter into cooperative agreements with other
14 states or groups of states to share voter registration information or data for purposes
15 of determining whether a voter is registered in more than one state and for the
16 maintenance of the state voter registration computer system. The secretary of state
17 shall include in any such cooperative agreement a provision for the privacy of the
18 information or data that complies fully with applicable state and federal law.

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

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7 (d) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to
8 voter registration information or data transmitted to a state or group of states for
9 purposes of determining whether a voter is registered to vote in more than one state
10 and for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer system.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the secretary of state to enter into certain cooperative agreements with other states or groups of states to share voter information and data and requires privacy provisions relative to such information and data.

Present law (R.S. 18:18(D)) authorizes the secretary of state to enter into cooperative agreements with other states to share voter registration information for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered in more than one state.

Proposed law retains present law. Additionally authorizes the secretary of state to enter into cooperative agreements for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer system. Provides that such cooperative agreements may involve voter registration data and that they may involve groups of states. Requires the secretary of state to include in any such cooperative agreement a provision for the privacy of the information or data that complies fully with applicable state and federal law.

Present law (R.S. 18:154) prohibits the registrar and the Dept. of State from disclosing certain voter information, including the voter's mother's maiden name and the driver's license

number, social security number, day and month of the date of birth, email address, and short message service number of the voter.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law for voter registration information or data transmitted to a state or group of states for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered to vote in more than one state and for the maintenance of the state voter registration computer system.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:18(D); Adds R.S. 18:154(C)(2)(d))