

SENATE BILL NO. 707

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §2. Records involved in legislative investigations

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

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

23 **(3) After Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph (2) of this**
24 **Subsection, after** final disposition, the records, writings, accounts, letters, letter
25 books, photographs or copies thereof, are public records and subject to the provisions
26 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: _____