

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

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 97.0585, Florida  
 16 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) of that section is  
 17 reenacted, to read:

18           97.0585 Public records exemption; information regarding  
 19 voters and voter registration; confidentiality.—

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

25           (a) All declinations to register to vote made pursuant to

26 | ss. 97.057 and 97.058.

27 | (b) Information relating to the place where a person  
 28 | registered to vote or where a person updated a voter  
 29 | registration.

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

33 | (d) All information concerning preregistered voter  
 34 | registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age. This  
 35 | paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
 36 | accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
 37 | 2022, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
 38 | by the Legislature.

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

41 | Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
 42 | necessity that all information concerning preregistered voter  
 43 | registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age which is  
 44 | held by an agency, and obtained for the purpose of voter  
 45 | registration, be confidential and exempt from public records  
 46 | requirements and be used only for purposes of voter  
 47 | registration. Information concerning preregistered 16-year-old  
 48 | and 17-year-old voter registration applicants could be misused  
 49 | if released. Minors are more vulnerable members of society, and  
 50 | the widespread release of information acquired through

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51 preregistration activities may be used to solicit, harass,  
52 stalk, or intimidate such individuals. Without such protection,  
53 a minor may be less likely to take advantage of preregistering  
54 to vote, thus hindering the effective and efficient  
55 administration of a program that otherwise encourages greater  
56 participation in the democratic process.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.