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Amendment No.

	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate House
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1	Representative Ingoglia offered the following:
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3	Amendment to Amendment (113608) (with title amendment)
4	Remove lines 5-14 of the amendment and insert:
5	(d) The telephone number and e-mail address of a voter
6	registration applicant or voter, except that such information
7	shall be made available to or reproduced only for the voter
8	registration applicant or voter, an official elected to public
9	office, a canvassing board, and an election official and, for
10	political purposes, voter education, or voter outreach, to an
11	organization that meets the qualifications of s. 501(c)(3) or s.
12	501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, a political party or
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13	official thereof, a candidate as defined in s. 106.011, and a
14	registered political committee.
15	(e) All information concerning preregistered voter
16	registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age.
17	(f) Paragraphs (d) and (e) are subject to the Open
18	Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and
19	shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and
20	saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
21	(3) This section applies to information held by an agency
22	before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.
23	Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public
24	necessity that the telephone number and e-mail address of a
25	voter registration applicant or voter that is held by an agency
26	and obtained for the purpose of voter registration be made
27	confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
28	s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The telephone
29	number and e-mail address of a voter registration applicant or
30	voter is personal and sensitive information and could be misused
31	by a dishonest person if placed in the public domain along with
32	the name of the applicant or voter. The information may be used
33	for consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other forms of
34	invasive contacts. In addition, a voter registration applicant
35	or voter may be harassed through these mediums if the
36	information is publicly available. The potential for harm that
37	results from unfettered access to a voter registration
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38	applicant's or voter's telephone number or e-mail address
39	exceeds any public benefit that may be derived from disclosure
40	of such information.
41	(2) The Legislature also finds that e-mail addresses are
42	personal information that could be misused and could result in
43	voter fraud if released. A voter may request a vote-by-mail
44	ballot using an e-mail address. Unrestricted access to such e-
45	mail addresses may enable others to determine which voters are
46	intending to vote by vote-by-mail ballot and result in the
47	confiscation and misuse of a mailed vote-by-mail ballot by a
48	person other than the requesting voter. In addition, collection
49	of the e-mail address of a voter registration applicant or a
50	voter would give supervisors of elections the opportunity to
51	employ the cost-saving measure of electronically transmitting
52	sample ballots. If a voter registration applicant or a voter
53	knows that his or her e-mail address is subject to public
54	disclosure, he or she may be less willing to provide the e-mail
55	address to the supervisor of elections. Accordingly, the
56	effective and efficient administration of a government program
57	would be significantly impaired.
58	(3) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity
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61	TITLE AMENDMENT
62	Remove lines 20-26 of the amendment and insert:
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63 97.0585, F.S.; providing an exemption from public 64 records requirements for the telephone numbers and 65 email addresses of voter registration applicants and voters; providing an exemption from public records 66 requirements for information concerning preregistered 67 68 voter registration applicants who are minors; providing for future legislative review and repeal; 69 providing for retroactive application; providing 70 71 statements of public necessity; providing an effective

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