

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/SB 946 — Public Records/Department of State Electronically Filed Records

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Grall

The bill exempts from public record inspection and copying requirements email addresses collected by the Department of State for the purposes of its electronic filing system. This exemption applies to email addresses collected before, on, and after the effective date of the bill.

The bill also exempts from public record inspection and copying requirements secure login credentials held by the Department of State for the purposes of its electronic filing system. This exemption applies to login credentials held by the DOS before, on, and after the effective date of the bill.

The bill provides that it is in the public necessity to exempt the above information from public record inspection and copy requirements due to the risk of identity theft, financial harm, or other adverse impacts; and that these exemptions will allow for the effective and efficient administration of the Department of State's electronic filing system.

Pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act, the exemptions stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming a law.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 116-0