

By Senator Hutson

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Secretary of State; amending s.  
3       97.012, F.S.; requiring the secretary to enter into  
4       certain agreements with other states to maintain the  
5       statewide voter registration system; providing  
6       responsibilities of the secretary; providing an  
7       effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11       Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section 97.012,  
12       Florida Statutes, to read:

13       97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.—The  
14       Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state,  
15       and it is his or her responsibility to:

16       (17) Enter into agreements to share information or data  
17       with other states, as the secretary considers necessary, in  
18       order to maintain the statewide voter registration system.  
19       Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the secretary  
20       shall maintain the confidentiality of any information or data,  
21       provided that it is confidential in its state of origin.  
22       However, the secretary may provide such confidential information  
23       or data to persons or organizations responsible for the  
24       maintenance of the statewide voter registration system. The  
25       secretary shall use such information and data to identify  
26       registered voters or applicants for voter registration who may  
27       be potentially ineligible to vote based on information provided  
28       in accordance with s. 98.075.

29       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.