

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 98.075,
 3 F.S.; creating a public record exemption for certain
 4 information received by the Department of State from
 5 another state that is confidential or exempt pursuant
 6 to the laws of that state; providing for future
 7 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
 8 providing a statement of public necessity; providing a
 9 contingent effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subparagraph 4. is added to paragraph (b) of
 14 subsection (2) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, as created
 15 by CS/HB 707, 2017 Regular Session, to read:

16 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
 17 ineligibility determinations.—

18 (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.—

19 (b)4. Information received by the department, pursuant to
 20 an interstate agreement, from another state that is confidential
 21 or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state, is exempt from s.
 22 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
 23 subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act
 24 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October
 25 2, 2022, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through

26 | reenactment by the Legislature.

27 | Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
28 | necessity that information received by the Department of State,
29 | pursuant to an interstate agreement entered into under s.
30 | 98.075(2)(b), Florida Statutes, from another state that is
31 | confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state be
32 | made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),
33 | Article I of the State Constitution. Participating in interstate
34 | agreements to share and exchange information with other states
35 | in order to verify voter registration information is critical to
36 | ensuring the accuracy of the statewide voter registration
37 | system. Maintaining an accurate statewide voter registration
38 | system is critical to fair elections in this state. Without the
39 | public records exemption, the department will be unable to
40 | receive information from other states that might otherwise be
41 | confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of those states,
42 | which would impair the ability of the department and supervisors
43 | of elections to maintain accurate voter rolls. As a result, the
44 | effective and efficient administration of the statewide voter
45 | registration system would be hindered.

46 | Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
47 | that CS/HB 707 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
48 | legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
49 | extension thereof and becomes a law.