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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Brandes moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to House Amendment (425013) to Senate**
2 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 5 - 58
5 and insert:

6 (d) Information related to a voter registration applicant's
7 or voter's prior felony conviction and whether such person has
8 had his or her voting rights restored by the Board of Executive
9 Clemency or pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.

10 (e) All information concerning preregistered voter
11 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age.



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12 (f) Paragraphs (d) and (e) are subject to the Open
13 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and
14 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and
15 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
16 (3) This section applies to information held by an agency
17 before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.
18 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public
19 necessity that information related to a voter registration
20 applicant's or voter's prior felony conviction and whether such
21 person has had his or her voting rights restored through
22 executive clemency or pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI, of the State
23 Constitution, which is held by an agency and obtained for the
24 purpose of voter registration, be confidential and exempt from
25 public records requirements and be used only for purposes of
26 voter registration. Information related to a voter registration
27 applicant's or voter's prior felony conviction and whether such
28 person has had his or her voting rights restored could be
29 misused if released. The restoration of a person's voting rights
30 subsequent to a felony conviction aids a person in becoming a
31 productive, contributing, and self-sustaining member of society.
32 Without such protection, information related to a voter
33 registration applicant's or voter's prior felony conviction may
34 result in him or her being less likely to take advantage of
35 registering to vote, thus hindering greater participation in the
36 democratic process. For these reasons, the Legislature finds
37 that it is a public necessity that the information related to a
38 voter registration applicant's or voter's prior felony
39 conviction and his or her restoration of voting rights, which is
40 held by an agency and obtained for the purpose of voter



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41 registration, be confidential and exempt from public records
42 requirements.

43 (2) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity
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46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete lines 63 - 66

48 and insert:

49 97.0585, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
50 records requirements for information related to a
51 voter registration applicant's or voter's prior felony
52 conviction and his or her restoration of voting
53 rights; providing an exemption from public records