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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
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FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Ingoglia offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove lines 31-39 and insert:

6 (d) The telephone number and e-mail address of a voter
7 registration applicant or voter, except that such information
8 shall be made available to or reproduced only for the voter
9 registration applicant or voter, a canvassing board, an election
10 official, a political party or official thereof, a candidate who
11 has filed qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming
12 election, and registered political committees for political
13 purposes only.

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

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16 (f) Paragraphs (d) and (e) are subject to the Open
17 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and
18 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and
19 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

20 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public
21 necessity that the telephone number and e-mail address of a
22 voter registration applicant or voter that is held by an agency
23 and obtained for the purpose of voter registration be made
24 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
25 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The telephone
26 number and e-mail address of a voter registration applicant or
27 voter is personal and sensitive information and could be misused
28 by a dishonest person if placed in the public domain along with
29 the name of the applicant or voter. The information may be used
30 for consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other forms of
31 invasive contacts. In addition, a voter registration applicant
32 or voter may be harassed through these mediums if the
33 information is publicly available. The potential for harm that
34 results from unfettered access to a voter registration
35 applicant's or voter's telephone number or e-mail address
36 exceeds any public benefit that may be derived from disclosure
37 of such information.

38 (2) The Legislature also finds that e-mail addresses are
39 personal information that could be misused and could result in
40 voter fraud if released. A voter may request a vote-by-mail

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41 ballot using an e-mail address. Unrestricted access to such e-
42 mail addresses may enable others to determine which voters are
43 intending to vote by vote-by-mail ballot and result in the
44 confiscation and misuse of a mailed vote-by-mail ballot by a
45 person other than the requesting voter. In addition, collection
46 of the e-mail address of a voter registration applicant or a
47 voter would give supervisors of elections the opportunity to
48 employ the cost-saving measure of electronically transmitting
49 sample ballots. If a voter registration applicant or a voter
50 knows that his or her e-mail address is subject to public
51 disclosure, he or she may be less willing to provide the e-mail
52 address to the supervisor of elections. Accordingly, the
53 effective and efficient administration of a government program
54 would be significantly impaired.

55 (3) The Legislature finds that it is a public
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60 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

61 Remove lines 4-8 and insert:

62 records requirements for the telephone numbers and email
63 addresses of voter registration applicants and voters; providing
64 an exemption from public records requirements for information
65 concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are

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66 minors; providing for future legislative review and repeal;
67 providing for retroactive application; providing statements of
68 public necessity; providing