HB 7079 — OGSR/Voter Information

by Governmental Affairs Policy Committee and Rep. Frishe (CS/CS/SB 2188 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Ethics and Elections Committee)

The bill reenacts public records exemptions protecting the confidentiality of certain private information relating to voters and voter registration, specifically:

- Declinations to register to vote;
- The location where a person registered or updated a voter registration;
- Social security numbers ("SSN"), drivers' license numbers, and Florida identification ("ID") numbers; and,
- Signatures (exemption limited to copying).

It also enacts a new public-records exemption for the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of victims of stalking or aggravated stalking who file a sworn statement asserting the stalking with the Attorney General; protection is afforded to victims in the same manner and under the same circumstances as participants in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence (ss.741.401-741.409, F.S.). The new exemption is made expressly subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act, and will automatically be repealed in 5 years if not reenacted by the Legislature.

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

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 113-0