2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTION CODE: Prohibits the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Dept. of State from disclosing specified computer system information

1   AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:154(G)(4) and to enact R.S. 18:154(G)(6), relative to election

3   officials; to prohibit the disclosure of certain information by specified election

4   officials; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6   Section 1.   R.S. 18:154(G)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

7 18:154(G)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8   §154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions

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10   G.   Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the

11   registrar, the clerk of court, and the Department of State shall be prohibited from

12   disclosing the following:

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14   (4) Computer system or program information, including software, related

15   menus, flow charts, network diagrams, user names, non-public uniform resource

16   locators, database object names, computer names, device identifiers and serial

17   numbers, screen printouts and captures, internet protocol address numbers,

18   passwords, source materials, prompts, dialogues, operating and instructional

19   manuals, programming materials or instructions, and any other computer operating

1   or support materials concerning the state voter registration computer system and

2   election management system or voting equipment.

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4   (6) Internet protocol address numbers submitted to or captured by the state

5   voter registration computer system and election management system.

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7   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

8   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

9   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

10   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

11   effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the registrar of voters, clerk of court, and Dept. of State from disclosing
specified computer system information.

Present law (R.S. 18:154) provides that the records of each registrar of voters are public
records. Provides for exceptions. Present law (R.S. 18:154(G)) prohibits the registrar, clerk
of court, and the Dept. of State from disclosing certain information, including the following:

(1)   Information of a type exempted from disclosure pursuant to present law received
       from another state pursuant to a cooperative agreement authorized by present law
       (R.S. 18:18(D)).

(2)   Geographical coding of addresses of registered voters.

(3)   An application to vote absentee by mail, or information contained therein, until the
       applicant has returned his voted ballot to the registrar.

(4)   Computer system or program information, including software, related menus, flow
       charts, network diagrams, passwords, source materials, prompts, dialogues, operating
       manuals, programming materials or instructions, and any other computer operating
       or support materials concerning the state voter registration computer system and
       election management system or voting equipment.

(5)   Information contained within the state voter registration computer system and
       election management system which if disclosed may impair the security of the
       statewide voter registration system and election management system or the integrity
       of the information maintained on the systems or voting equipment.

Proposed law retains present law. Additionally prohibits the registrar, clerk of court, and the Dept. of State from disclosing user names, non-public uniform resource locators, database object names, computer names, device identifiers and serial numbers, screen printouts and captures, internet protocol address numbers, and instructional manuals.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:154(G)(4); Adds R.S. 18:154(G)(6))