SLS 18RS-302 ORIGINAL

2018 Regular Session

1

SENATE BILL NO. 168

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

PUBLIC RECORDS. Exempts certain Department of Agriculture and Forestry records from the Public Records Law. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 44:3(A), relative to public records; to exempt certain records of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry from the 3 4 Public Records Law; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 44:3(A) is hereby amended and 6 7 reenacted to read as follows: 8 §3. Records of prosecutive, investigative, and law enforcement agencies and 9 communications districts 10 A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require disclosures of 11 records, or the information contained therein, held by the offices of the attorney general, district attorneys, sheriffs, police departments, Department of Public Safety 12 13 and Corrections, marshals, investigators, public health investigators, correctional agencies, communications districts, intelligence agencies, Council on Peace Officer 14 Standards and Training, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and 15 Administration of Criminal Justice, **Department of Agriculture and Forestry**, or 16 publicly owned water districts of the state, which records are: 17

1

2

3

4

5

6

* * *

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

DIGEST 2018 Regular Session

SB 168 Original

Thompson

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 44:3) provides an exemption to the Public Records Law for certain records held by the offices of the attorney general, district attorneys, sheriffs, police departments, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, marshals, investigators, public health investigators, correctional agencies, communications districts, intelligence agencies, Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, or publicly owned water districts of the state, as follows:

- (1) Records pertaining to pending criminal litigation or any criminal litigation which can be reasonably anticipated.
- (2) Records containing the identity of a confidential source of information.
- (3) Records containing security procedures, investigative training information or aids, investigative techniques, investigative technical equipment or instructions on the use thereof, or criminal intelligence information pertaining to terrorist-related activity.
- (4) Records of the arrest of a person, other than the report of the officer or officers investigating a complaint, until a final judgment of conviction or the acceptance of a plea of guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (5) Records containing the identity of an undercover police officer or records which would tend to reveal the identity of an undercover police officer.
- (6) Records concerning status offenders as defined in the Code of Juvenile Procedure.
- (7) Records collected and maintained by the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, provided that this exception shall not apply to the central registry of sex offenders maintained by the bureau.
- (8) Video or audio recordings generated by law enforcement officer body-worn cameras that are found by the custodian to violate an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to the Public Records Law exemption.

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

(Amends R.S. 44:3(A)(intro para))

Page 2 of 2

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.