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SB 219 Reengrossed DIGEST Cloud  
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Proposed law provides that the chief administrative officer of each publicly owned utility in the state may send a report to the Department of State containing the name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, address, telephone number, Louisiana driver's license or special identification card number, service connection and disconnection date, if available, of every residential customer in the area served by the utility on no less than a quarterly basis. Proposed law further provides that the report shall contain the last four digits of the residential customers' social security number.

Proposed law defines "publicly owned utility" as any publicly owned or municipally controlled company, corporation, partnership, business, system, or person that provides gas, electricity, or water to residential customers in Louisiana.

Proposed law provides that in each parish with a publicly owned utility operating within the parish or a portion of the parish the parish registrar of voters may utilize the report from the publicly owned utility to verify the names and addresses of registered voters in all precincts served by the utility beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Proposed law provides that if the utility operator provides an address that is different from the voter's address as it appears on his voter registration during the verification process, the registrar of voters shall send the voter an address confirmation card as provided in present law.

Effective June 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 18:174)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes annual canvass of utility records permissive.
2. Removes provisions making failure to conduct the canvass willful misconduct.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Allows each publicly owned utility to report residential customer information to the Department of State.

2. Specifies the customer information required in the report.
3. Defines publicly owned utility.
4. Establishes when a parish registrar of voters may utilize the report to verify names and addresses of registered voters in all precincts served by the utility.
5. Requires the registrar of voters to send the voter an address verification card if the utility report contains an address inside the parish that is different from the voter's address as it appears on his voter registration.