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Abstract: Prohibits certain persons handling voter registration information from disclosing the active duty or dependent status and the physical mailing address of a voter who requested an absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).

<u>Present federal law</u> (52 U.S.C. 20302) requires states to permit absent uniformed services voters and their dependents to use absentee registration procedures for federal elections.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the registrar, the clerk of court, the Dept. of State, the office of motor vehicles of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and any entity that contracts with the office, each voter registration agency and any entity that contracts with a voter registration agency, and any person who handles the voter registration application form of another person are prohibited from circulating on a commercial list or otherwise disclosing certain information regarding registered voters.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the persons included in <u>present law</u> from disclosing the active duty status or dependent status of a voter who requested an absentee ballot pursuant to <u>present federal law</u> or the physical mailing address where such a ballot is mailed.

(Adds R.S. 18:154(C)(1)(h))