

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 767

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

PUBLIC RECORDS: Provides a limited exception for the schedule of a statewide elected official

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 44:5.1, relative to the public records law; to provide for the confidentiality of
3 certain records of the office of a statewide elected official; to provide for records
4 related to the official's schedule, meetings, events, and transportation; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 44:5.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5.1. Records of the office of a statewide elected official

9 A. Any record of the office of a statewide elected official that pertains to the
10 schedule of the official or of an employee of the office and that contains security
11 details that if made public may impair the safety of the official may be held
12 confidential for a period not to exceed seven days following a scheduled event. The
13 official may keep a record concerning a meeting or event that the official attends and
14 transportation thereto confidential for a period not to exceed seven days after the
15 occurrence of the meeting or event. However, nothing in this Section shall be
16 interpreted or construed in a manner to make confidential all records concerning a
17 meeting or event that the official attends and transportation related thereto.

18 B. For purposes of this Section, "statewide elected official" means the
19 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of
20 agriculture, and commissioner of insurance.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the confidentiality of certain records pertaining to the schedule, meetings, events, and transportation of a statewide elected official other than the governor.

Proposed law provides that any record of the office of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, or commissioner of insurance pertaining to the schedule of the official or of an employee of the office that contains security details that if made public may impair the safety of the official may be held confidential for a period not to exceed seven days following a scheduled event.

Proposed law authorizes the official to keep a record concerning a meeting or event that the official attends and transportation thereto confidential for up to seven days after the occurrence of the meeting or event. Does not make confidential all records concerning a meeting or event that the official attends and transportation related thereto.

(Adds R.S. 44:5.1)