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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a computerized
9 statewide voter registration list is maintained by
10 the Secretary of State.

11 This bill would require, upon written
12 affidavit, the omission of the residential address
13 of any registered voter who is a victim of domestic
14 violence or who is the custodian of a minor victim
15 of domestic violence.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 To amend Section 17-4-33, Code of Alabama 1975,
22 relating to the computerized statewide voter registration
23 list, to provide for the omission of the residential address
24 of any registered voter who is a victim of domestic violence
25 or who is the custodian of a minor victim of domestic violence
26 upon written affidavit of the registered voter.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 17-4-33 of the Code of Alabama
2 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 "§17-4-33.

4 "(a) The State of Alabama shall provide, through the
5 Secretary of State, a nondiscriminatory, single, uniform,
6 official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide
7 voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered
8 by the Secretary of State, with advice from the Voter
9 Registration Advisory Board and the President of the Alabama
10 Probate Judges Association, which contains the name and
11 registration information of every legally registered voter in
12 the state. The computerized list shall comply with the
13 following requirements:

14 "(1) It shall serve as the single system for storing
15 and managing the official list of registered voters throughout
16 the state.

17 "(2) It shall contain the name, address, and voting
18 location, as well as other information deemed necessary by the
19 Voter Registration Advisory Board or the Secretary of State,
20 of every legally registered voter in the state.

21 "(3) A unique identifier shall be assigned to each
22 legally registered voter in the state.

23 "(4) It shall contain the voting history of each
24 registered voter.

25 "(5) It shall be coordinated with the driver's
26 license database of the Department of Public Safety and the

1 appropriate state agency to assist in the removal of deceased
2 voters.

3 "(6) Any election official in the state, including
4 any local election official, may obtain immediate electronic
5 access to the information contained in the computerized list.

6 "(7) All voter registration information obtained by
7 any registrar in the state shall be electronically entered
8 into the computerized list on an expedited basis at the time
9 information is provided to the registrar.

10 "(8) The Secretary of State shall provide such
11 support as may be required so that registrars are able to
12 enter voter registration information.

13 "(9) It shall serve as the official voter
14 registration list for the conduct of all elections.

15 "(10) The Secretary of State shall furnish one copy
16 of the computerized list free of charge to each political
17 party that has satisfied the ballot access requirements for a
18 statewide election within two weeks of the date of a written
19 request for the list by the chair of the political party.

20 "(11) The list shall be maintained so that it is
21 technologically secure.

22 "(b) The Secretary of State or registrar shall
23 include the name and omit the residential address of a
24 registered voter on any generally available list of registered
25 voters, except for those lists provided to federal and state
26 agencies, upon the written signed affidavit of the registered
27 voter affirming either of the following:

1 "(1) That the registered voter, or a minor who is in
2 the legal custody of the registered voter, is or has been the
3 victim of partner or family member assault, stalking,
4 custodial interference, or other domestic violence offense
5 involving bodily harm or threat of bodily harm to the
6 registered voter or minor.

7 "(2) That a temporary restraining order or
8 injunction is or has been issued by a judge or magistrate to
9 restrain access to the registered voter or a minor who is in
10 the legal custody of the registered voter."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.