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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Secretary of State
9 provides a computerized statewide voter
10 registration list which complies with certain
11 requirements.

12 This bill would further provide for the
13 requirement that the list be provided to each
14 political party and allow the list to be
15 transmitted electronically.

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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 further provide for the requirement that the list be
24 provided to each political party and allow the list to be
25 transmitted electronically.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

3 "§17-4-33.

4 "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~~ transmit
16 one electronic copy per state election, including, but not
17 limited to, a presidential preference primary election, party
18 primary election, party primary runoff election, general
19 election, constitutional amendment election, or special
20 election which has been called by the Governor, of the
21 computerized voter list free of charge to each political party
22 that has satisfied the ballot access requirements for a
23 ~~statewide~~ state election within two weeks of the date of a
24 written request for the computerized voter list by the chair
25 of the political party 30 days after the certification of each
26 state election or upon the completion of the election vote
27 history update. The Secretary of State shall furnish one

1 electronic copy of the computerized voter list free of charge
2 for a specific district or office in which a special election
3 has been called by the Governor to each political party that
4 has satisfied the ballot access requirements for an election
5 within two weeks of the date of a written request for such
6 list by the chair of the political party.

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

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