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3 By Representatives Long, Gaston, Clouse, Johnson (W) and
4 Barton
5 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To amend Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-33, Code of
9 Alabama 1975, to extend the time period during which a board
10 of registrars is prohibited from registering any person as a
11 qualified elector from 10 to 17 days before an election; and
12 to require that the computerized statewide voter registration
13 list be published online on or before the 20th day preceding
14 an election.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. ~~Section 17-3-50, Code of Alabama 1975, is~~
17 ~~amended to read as follows:~~ Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-33, Code
18 of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

19 "§17-3-50.

20 "(a) The boards of registrars in the several
21 counties of the state shall not register any person as a
22 qualified elector within ~~10~~ 17 days prior to any election;
23 provided, that the boards shall maintain open offices during
24 business days in such ~~10-day~~ 17-day period and on election day
25 during the hours of voting.

26 "(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply
27 in any county having a population of not less than 600,000

1 inhabitants according to the 1970 or any succeeding federal
2 decennial census, and any currently effective local law or
3 general law of local application providing for a deadline on
4 registration in such county shall remain in full force and
5 effect and shall not be repealed by operation of this
6 section."

7 "§17-4-33.

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

18 "(1) It shall serve as the single system for storing
19 and managing the official list of registered voters throughout
20 the state, and it shall be published on or before the 20th day
21 prior to any general, primary, or special election.

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

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

1 "(4) It shall contain the voting history of each
2 registered voter.

3 "(5) It shall be coordinated with the driver's
4 license database of the Department of Public Safety and the
5 appropriate state agency to assist in the removal of deceased
6 voters.

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

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

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

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

19 "(10) Following each state and county election, the
20 Secretary of State shall provide one electronic copy of the
21 computerized voter list free of charge to each political party
22 that satisfied the ballot access requirements for that
23 election. The electronic copy of the computerized voter list
24 shall be provided within 30 days of the certification of the
25 election or upon the completion of the election vote history
26 update following the election, whichever comes first. In
27 addition, upon written request from the chair of a political

1 party, the Secretary of State shall furnish up to two
2 additional electronic copies of the computerized voter file
3 during each calendar year to each political party that
4 satisfied the ballot access requirements during the last
5 statewide election held prior to that calendar year. The
6 electronic copies provided pursuant to this section shall
7 contain the full, editable data as it exists in the
8 computerized voter list maintained by the Secretary of State."

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.

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