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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-4-38, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the dissemination of the computerized statewide voter registration list by the office of the Secretary of State; to provide for the free dissemination of the list to the chief election official of other states, upon request.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-4-38 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-4-38.

"The Secretary of State shall ensure that all applicants obtain requested voter lists in a timely manner. Methods shall be established for the transmission of tapes, discs, or lists to any applicant. Hindrances shall not be created or devised to delay transmission of tapes, discs, or lists to any applicant. Except as provided in this section, there shall be a uniform charge for the production of voter lists. The reproduction costs of the basic electronic copy of the statewide file shall be reasonable as determined by the Secretary of State and a fee schedule shall be conspicuously posted in the office of the Secretary of State. Costs of

1 printed copies of lists are as otherwise provided by law.
2 Access to the lists and voter history information contained on
3 the central computer in the office of the Secretary of State
4 is accessible to anyone making application, except Social
5 Security numbers which are not to be released. Proceeds from
6 the sale of tapes, discs, lists, labels, or other materials
7 from the Secretary of State shall be retained by the Secretary
8 of State for use in voter registration. Upon application and
9 without charge, legislators shall be furnished up to two free
10 printed copies of the voter lists for their districts during a
11 legislative quadrennium and resale of the lists shall be
12 strictly prohibited. Upon application and without charge, the
13 Administrative Office of Courts shall be provided with an
14 electronic copy of the statewide voter list no more than once
15 a year for its use in the production of a master jury list or
16 for any other lawful purpose. Upon application and without
17 charge, the chief elections officer of any other state shall
18 be provided with an electronic copy of the statewide voter
19 list no more than once a year for any lawful purpose, on the
20 condition that the chief elections officer of the requesting
21 state agrees to reciprocate and provide a copy of the
22 statewide voter list to the chief elections officer of this
23 state upon request without charge to be used for any lawful
24 purpose. The Secretary of State may enter into an agreement
25 with any other state, at any time, regarding the exchange of
26 statewide voter lists. Resale of any portion of the list by
27 the Administrative Office of Courts or the office of the chief

1 elections officer of any other state shall be strictly
2 prohibited."

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

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House of Representatives

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Yeas 70, Nays 29, Abstains 0

Jeff Woodard
Clerk