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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a registered voter or a
9 minor in the legal custody of a registered voter,
10 who is a victim of domestic violence and has been
11 issued an order pursuant to the Domestic Violence
12 Protection Order Enforcement Act, can submit a
13 signed written affidavit requesting that the
14 Secretary of State omit the residential and mailing
15 address of the registered voter on any generally
16 available list of registered voters.

17 This bill would permit a registered voter or
18 the spouse of a registered voter, who is a federal
19 or state prosecutor, federal, state, probate, or
20 municipal judge, or law enforcement officer, to
21 submit a signed written affidavit requesting that
22 the Secretary of State omit all information except
23 the name of the registered voter or the spouse of
24 the registered voter.

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26 A BILL
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 Relating to voter registration lists; to amend
4 Section 17-4-33, Code of Alabama 1975, to permit a registered
5 voter or the spouse of a registered voter, who is a federal or
6 state prosecutor, federal, state, probate, or municipal judge,
7 or law enforcement officer, to submit a signed written
8 affidavit requesting that the Secretary of State omit all
9 information except the name of the registered voter or the
10 spouse of the registered voter.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

14 "§17-4-33.

15 "(a) The State of Alabama shall provide, through the
16 Secretary of State, a nondiscriminatory, single, uniform,
17 official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide
18 voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered
19 by the Secretary of State, with advice from the Voter
20 Registration Advisory Board and the President of the Alabama
21 Probate Judges Association, which contains the name and
22 registration information of every legally registered voter in
23 the state. The computerized list shall comply with the
24 following requirements:

25 "(1) It shall serve as the single system for storing
26 and managing the official list of registered voters throughout
27 the state.

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

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

7 "(4) It shall contain the voting history of each
8 registered voter.

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

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

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

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

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

25 "(10) Following each state and county election, the
26 Secretary of State shall provide one electronic copy of the
27 computerized voter list free of charge to each political party

1 that satisfied the ballot access requirements for that
2 election. The electronic copy of the computerized voter list
3 shall be provided within 30 days of the certification of the
4 election or upon the completion of the election vote history
5 update following the election, whichever comes first. In
6 addition, upon written request from the chair of a political
7 party, the Secretary of State shall furnish up to two
8 additional electronic copies of the computerized voter file
9 during each calendar year to each political party that
10 satisfied the ballot access requirements during the last
11 statewide election held prior to that calendar year. The
12 electronic copies provided pursuant to this section shall
13 contain the full, editable data as it exists in the
14 computerized voter list maintained by the Secretary of State.

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

17 "(b) The Secretary of State, or judge of probate, or
18 absentee election manager, or municipal clerk, or registrar
19 shall include the name and omit ~~the residential and mailing~~
20 ~~address~~ all other information of a registered voter on any
21 generally available list of registered voters, except for
22 those lists provided to federal and state agencies, upon the
23 written signed affidavit of the registered voter to the board
24 of registrars of the county in which the individual is
25 registered or intends to register, affirming ~~either~~ one of the
26 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 domestic violence as provided in Article 7,
4 commencing with Section 13A-6-130, of Chapter 6 of Title 13A.

5 "(2) That a domestic violence order is or has been
6 issued by a judge or magistrate pursuant to the Domestic
7 Violence Protection Order Enforcement Act, to restrain access
8 to the registered voter or a minor who is in the legal custody
9 of the registered voter.

10 "(3) That the registered voter is a federal or state
11 prosecutor, federal, state, probate, or municipal judge, or
12 law enforcement officer as defined in Chapter 21 of Title 36
13 or the spouse of a federal or state prosecutor, federal,
14 state, probate, or municipal judge, or law enforcement officer
15 as defined in Chapter 21 of Title 36. The Secretary of State
16 shall develop and provide to each county the affidavit to be
17 completed under this subsection."

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.