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Floor Amendment to SB 527-FN-LOCAL

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to absentee voting and relative to the statewide centralized voter  
4 registration database.

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6 Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following and renumbering the original section 7 to  
7 read as 9:

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9 7 Purpose. Based on the highly confidential information contained in the voter registration  
10 database, including information obtained in the absentee ballot process, the legislature reiterates  
11 that this information must be protected and shall not be disclosed except as set forth in RSA 654:45  
12 and never in response to a subpoena or civil litigation discovery request.

13 8 Statewide Centralized Voter Registration Database; Disclosure. Amend RSA 654:45, VI to  
14 read as follows:

15 VI. The voter database shall be private and confidential and shall not be subject to RSA 91-  
16 A and RSA 654:31, ***nor shall it or any of the information contained therein be disclosed***  
17 ***pursuant to a subpoena or civil litigation discovery request.*** The secretary of state is  
18 authorized to provide voter database record data to the administrative office of the courts to assist  
19 in the preparation of master jury lists pursuant to RSA 500-A and to the clerk of the District Court  
20 of the United States for the District of New Hampshire to assist in the preparation of federal court  
21 jury lists. The voter checklist for a town or city shall be available pursuant to RSA 654:31. Any  
22 person who discloses information from the voter database in any manner not authorized by this  
23 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes additional procedures for verification of absentee voters. This bill establishes additional absentee voting eligibility if a weather emergency is anticipated for election day. This bill also prohibits disclosure of information contained in the statewide centralized voter registration database pursuant to a subpoena or civil litigation discovery request.