

Amendment to HB 593

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

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3 AN ACT relative to updating official voter checklists and expanding the voter information
4 exemption under the right to know law.

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6 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to
7 read as 4:

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9 3 Voters and Checklists; Right to Know Exemption. Amend RSA 654:31-a to read as follows:

10 654:31-a Right to Know Exemption. The information contained on the checklist of a town or
11 city, specifically, the name, domicile address, mailing address, town or city, and party affiliation, if
12 any, of registered voters, except as otherwise provided by statute, is public information subject to
13 RSA 91-A. All other information on the voter registration form, absentee registration affidavit,
14 qualified voter affidavits, *domicile affidavits*, affidavit of religious exemption, ~~and~~ application
15 for absentee ballot, *and contact information, including but not limited to a phone number*
16 *and email address, provided to the secretary of state or other election officials for the*
17 *purpose of receiving information about elections* shall be treated as confidential information
18 and the records containing this information shall be exempt from the public disclosure provisions of
19 RSA 91-A, except as provided by statutes other than RSA 91-A. Notwithstanding the foregoing,
20 qualified voter affidavits are public records subject to RSA 91-A for the sole purpose of challenging
21 an individual registering to vote or voting, challenging ballots to be recounted, to the extent that
22 such ballot challenges are specifically authorized by law, or determining the accuracy of any
23 qualified voter affidavit. Election officials and law enforcement personnel in furtherance of their
24 official duties may access and may disclose information from the voter registration form, qualified
25 voter affidavits, affidavits of religious exemption, absentee registration affidavits, and applications
26 for absentee ballots, if necessary to resolve a challenge to an individual registering to vote or voting,
27 or if necessary to investigate or prosecute election law violations or any crime. Law enforcement
28 access and use of such records for the investigation or prosecution of crimes unrelated to election
29 law violations shall be limited to the records of the specific individuals who are the subject of the
30 investigation or prosecution.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill outlines procedures that supervisors of the checklist must follow when they receive informal reports that a voter has died or has changed address. The bill also expands the exemption for certain voter information under the New Hampshire right to know law.