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**SENATE BILL 5982**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 3rd Special Session**

**By** Senators Darneille, Sheldon, Billig, Conway, McCoy, Wellman, Chase, Hasegawa, and Hunt

AN ACT Relating to protecting people's information contained in voter registration records; amending RCW 29A.08.710; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec.**  RCW 29A.08.710 and 2005 c 246 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The county auditor shall have custody of the original voter registration records for each county. The original voter registration form must be filed without regard to precinct and is considered confidential and unavailable for public inspection and copying. An automated file of all registered voters must be maintained pursuant to RCW 29A.08.125. An auditor may maintain the automated file in lieu of filing or maintaining the original voter registration forms if the automated file includes all of the information from the original voter registration forms including, but not limited to, a retrievable facsimile of each voter's signature.

(2) The following information contained in voter registration records or files regarding a voter or a group of voters is available for public inspection and copying, except as provided in RCW 40.24.060: The voter's name, address, political jurisdiction, gender, ((~~date~~)) year of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration number. No other information from voter registration records or files is available for public inspection or copying.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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