SENATE BILL REPORT
SB 5892

As of January 19, 2026

Title: An act relating to protecting the voter registration database.

Brief Description: Concerning protection of the voter registration database.

Sponsors: Senators Riccelli, Valdez, Bateman, Frame, Hasegawa, Liias, Nobles, Pedersen, Slatter and Wilson, C.; by request of Secretary of State.

Brief History:
Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections: 1/20/26.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Prohibits a county elections office from producing records in response to a request for reports generated by the statewide voter registration database.
- Prohibits any state or location election officer, or a designee, from knowingly disclosing information in any county or statewide voter registration database inconsistent with the performance of their duties.
- Prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of personal information shown on an affidavit of voter registration or included in a voter registration file.
- Establishes penalties for the prohibitions.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

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Background: Statewide Voter Registration Database. The Office of the Secretary of State must maintain a statewide voter registration database. The database must be a centralized,

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uniform, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list that contains the name and registration information of every registered voter in the state. The statewide list is the official list of registered voters for the conduct of all state elections.

Class C Felony. Under state law, a person convicted of a class C felony may be punished by confinement in a state correctional institution, not to exceed five years, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court, not to exceed $10,000, or by both such confinement and fine.

Summary of Bill: If a county elections office receives a request for records from or any existing reports generated by the statewide voter registration database, the county elections office is prohibited from producing any records in response to the request and must direct the requestor to submit their request to the Secretary of State. A knowing violation of this prohibition is a class C felony.

Any state or local election officer, or a designee, who has access to any county or statewide voter registration database who knowingly discloses information in the database inconsistent with the performance of their duties is guilty of a class C felony.

The Washington driver's license number, Washington identification card number, social security number, and full birthdate, shown on an affidavit of voter registration or included in a voter registration file are confidential and must not be disclosed to any person except to state or local election officers and election officials unless authorized by the Office of the Secretary of State. Any state officer or election officer, or designee, who knowingly violates this prohibition is guilty of a class C felony.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.