FINAL BILL REPORT
SB 5892

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Synopsis as Enacted

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.

Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections
House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

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, 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 both.

Summary: 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

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	29	19	
House	57	36	(House amended)
Senate	30	19	(Senate concurred)

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