

Committee on Ethics and Elections

CS/HB 7003 — OGSR/Preregistered Voters

by State Affairs Committee; Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee; and Rep. Holcomb and others (CS/SB 7010 by Rules Committee and Ethics and Elections Committee)

The bill (Chapter 2024-39, L.O.F.) saves from repeal the current public records exemption making information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years old confidential and exempt from public inspection and copying requirements.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will repeal on October 2, 2024, unless saved from repeal by the Legislature. The bill removes the scheduled repeal, thereby continuing the confidential and exempt status of information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants.

The bill also authorizes disclosure of certain information related to voter registration that is otherwise confidential and exempt, including the protected information related to preregistered voters, to another governmental entity if disclosure is necessary for the receiving entity to perform any required duties directly related to election administration.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0