

---

SENATE BILL 5982

---

State of Washington                      65th Legislature                      2017 3rd Special Session

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

Prefiled 07/20/17. Read first time 07/20/17. Referred to Committee on State Government.

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

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.710 and 2005 c 246 s 17 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

17            (2) The following information contained in voter registration  
18 records or files regarding a voter or a group of voters is available  
19 for public inspection and copying, except as provided in RCW  
20 40.24.060: The voter's name, address, political jurisdiction, gender,  
21 ((date)) year of birth, voting record, date of registration, and

1 registration number. No other information from voter registration  
2 records or files is available for public inspection or copying.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
5 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
6 effect immediately.

--- END ---