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Act No. 128 (H.624). Elections; statewide voter checklist; vote tabulators

An act relating to the protection of information in the statewide voter checklist and to the use of vote tabulators

This act prohibits a public agency or an officer, employee, agent, or independent contractor thereof from knowingly disclosing a copy of the statewide voter checklist or a municipality's portion of it to any foreign government or to a federal agency or commission or to a person acting on behalf of any of those entities for the purpose of (1) registering a voter based on his or her information maintained in the checklist; (2) publicly disclosing a voter's checklist information; or (3) comparing a voter's checklist information to personally identifying information contained in other federal or state databases. Moreover, the act requires a person who wishes to obtain a copy of the statewide voter checklist to swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the person will not knowingly disclose the checklist to a foreign government or to a federal agency or commission or to a person acting on behalf of any of those entities in circumvention of those three prohibited purposes for using the checklist. The act also adds a registered voter's telephone number contained in a voter registration application or in the statewide voter checklist to the list of voter information that is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

Finally, the act allows the Secretary of State to suspend the use of vote tabulators and require the hand count of votes in an election if the Secretary determines there are reasonable grounds to believe that the vote tabulators to be used in that election may have been rendered inoperable.

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