

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House  
3 Bill No. 624 entitled “An act relating to the protection of information in the  
4 statewide voter checklist” respectfully reports that it has considered the same  
5 and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2154 is amended to read:

8 § 2154. STATEWIDE VOTER CHECKLIST

9 (a) The Secretary of State shall ~~establish~~ maintain a uniform and  
10 nondiscriminatory, statewide voter ~~registration~~ checklist. This checklist shall  
11 serve as the official voter registration list for all elections in the State. In  
12 ~~establishing~~ maintaining the statewide voter checklist, the Secretary shall:

13 (1) limit ~~the~~ a town clerk to adding, modifying, or deleting applicant and  
14 voter information on the portion of the checklist for that clerk’s municipality;

15 (2) limit access to the statewide voter checklist for a local elections  
16 official to verifying if whether the applicant is registered in another  
17 municipality in the State by a search for the individual voter;

18 (3) notify a local elections official when a voter registered in that  
19 official’s district registers in another voting district so that the voter may be  
20 removed from that ~~district’s~~ official’s district checklist;

1           (4) provide adequate security to prevent unauthorized access to the  
2 checklist; and

3           (5) ensure the compatibility and comparability of information on the  
4 checklist with information contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles'  
5 computer systems.

6           (b)(1) A registered voter's month and day of birth, driver's license or  
7 nondriver identification number, telephone number, e-mail address, and the  
8 last four digits of his or her Social Security number shall be kept confidential  
9 and are exempt from public ~~copying and inspection~~ and copying under the  
10 Public Records Act.

11           (2) A public agency as defined in 1 V.S.A. § 317 and any officer,  
12 employee, agent, or independent contractor of a public agency shall not  
13 knowingly disclose any information pertaining to a registered voter that is  
14 maintained in the statewide voter checklist or in a municipality's portion of the  
15 statewide voter checklist to any foreign government or to a federal agency or  
16 commission or to a person acting on behalf of a foreign government or of such  
17 a federal entity for the purpose of:

18           (A) registration of a voter based on his or her information maintained  
19 in the checklist;

20           (B) publicly disclosing a voter's information maintained in the  
21 checklist; or



