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SENATE BILL 5007

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By Senators Honeyford, Swecker, Becker, Stevens, Schoesler, and Morton Read first time 01/10/11. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

- AN ACT Relating to the public inspection and copying of voter registration information of criminal justice agency employees or workers; and amending RCW 29A.08.710.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.710 and 2005 c 246 s 17 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
 - (1) The county auditor shall have custody of the original voter registration records for each county. The original voter registration form must be filed without regard to precinct and is considered confidential and unavailable for public inspection and copying. An automated file of all registered voters must be maintained pursuant to RCW 29A.08.125. An auditor may maintain the automated file in lieu of filing or maintaining the original voter registration forms if the automated file includes all of the information from the original voter registration forms including, but not limited to, a retrievable facsimile of each voter's signature.
 - (2) The following information contained in voter registration records or files regarding a voter or a group of voters is available for public inspection and copying, except as provided in this section

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or RCW 40.24.060: The voter's name, address, political jurisdiction, gender, date of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration number. No other information from voter registration records or files is available for public inspection or copying.

(3) The address of an employee or worker of a criminal justice agency as defined in RCW 10.97.030 shall be exempt from public disclosure under this section for a two-year period commencing upon the date proof of qualifying employment is filed with the county auditor who holds such voter registration records.

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