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Public Notice

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New Washington Law Protects Voter Information

Senate Bill 5892

The Wahkiakum Elections Office would like to inform the public about a new Washington State law that strengthens protections for voter registration information.

Senate Bill 5892 was adopted to ensure that sensitive voter information in the statewide voter registration system is properly protected and that requests for certain data are handled at the state level.

What Has Changed

Under this new law, county elections offices may no longer provide reports or records generated directly from the statewide voter registration database in response to public requests.

If our office receives a request for information that comes from the statewide voter registration system, we are required to direct the requestor to the Washington Secretary of State's Office instead. This ensures that voter data is handled consistently and securely across the state.

Types of Information That Must Be Requested Through the State

Requests involving the statewide voter registration database must now be submitted to the Washington Secretary of State's Office. These requests may include:

- Statewide voter registration lists or database extracts
- Reports generated from the statewide voter registration system
- Voter registration data covering multiple counties
- Requests for voter history or voter registration statistics produced from the statewide system
- Any dataset created directly from the statewide voter registration database



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Information That Is Protected

Certain personal details contained in voter registration records are confidential and cannot be released, except to authorized election officials. These include:

- Washington driver's license numbers
- Washington ID card numbers
- Social Security numbers or partial Social Security numbers
- A voter's full date of birth

These protections help prevent identity theft and protect voter privacy.

Questions?

If you have questions about voter registration records or election procedures, please contact:

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