

S.F. No. 3665 – Voter Registration Data (1st Engrossment)

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S.F. 3665 classifies most data on registered voters as public data. Certain data, such as birth date and Social Security numbers, are classified as private data. **Section 2** of the bill consolidates provisions on voter data. Conforming changes are made to accommodate the consolidation.

Section 1 [§13.607; **Registered voter lists**] adds a cross reference to **section 2** in the data practices act.

Section 2 [§201.022; **Data**] classifies data in the statewide voter registration as public data on individuals. There are some exceptions to the general classification and the following data is private data on individuals: birthdates, driver's license numbers, identification card numbers, military identification card numbers, passport numbers, and Social Security numbers. As under current law, a voter's party preference in a presidential nomination primary is private data but the secretary of state must provide this data to the chair of each major political party. A voter may request that the voter's name be withheld from the public if the voter has safety concerns for themselves or the voter's family. After receiving such a request in writing, the secretary of state and county auditor must withhold that voter's name from the public. A person requesting public data must state, in writing, the data will be used for elections, political activities, or law enforcement.

Section 3 [§201.091; **Public information list**] amends the law on the public information list to conform with the changes made in **section 2**.

Section 4 [§201.091; **Presidential nomination primary political party list**] amends the law on presidential nomination primaries to conform with the changes made in **section 2**.

Section 5 [§201.091; **Requests for data**] states that nothing in the section on voter lists prevents a person from requesting public data as provided in **section 2**.

Section 6 [Repealer] repeals two subdivisions. **Minn. Stat. §13.607, subd. 6**, is the current provision in the data practices act that references voter data. This is replaced by **section 1** of the bill. **Minn. Stat. §201.091, subd. 9**, is the current list of data that must not be provided to the public. This is replaced by **section 2**.

Section 7 [Effective date] provides an immediate effective date for the bill.