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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the computerized
9 statewide voter registration list compiled by the
10 Secretary of State is provided free of charge to
11 legislators and the Administrative Office of
12 Courts.

13 This bill would provide for the free
14 dissemination of the computerized statewide voter
15 registration list to the chief election official of
16 other states, upon request.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 17-4-38, Code of Alabama 1975,
23 relating to the dissemination of the computerized statewide
24 voter registration list by the office of the Secretary of
25 State; to provide for the free dissemination of the list to
26 the chief election official of other states, upon request.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 17-4-38 of the Code of Alabama
2 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 "§17-4-38.

4 "The Secretary of State shall ensure that all
5 applicants obtain requested voter lists in a timely manner.
6 Methods shall be established for the transmission of tapes,
7 discs, or lists to any applicant. Hindrances shall not be
8 created or devised to delay transmission of tapes, discs, or
9 lists to any applicant. Except as provided in this section,
10 there shall be a uniform charge for the production of voter
11 lists. The reproduction costs of the basic electronic copy of
12 the statewide file shall be reasonable as determined by the
13 Secretary of State and a fee schedule shall be conspicuously
14 posted in the office of the Secretary of State. Costs of
15 printed copies of lists are as otherwise provided by law.
16 Access to the lists and voter history information contained on
17 the central computer in the office of the Secretary of State
18 is accessible to anyone making application, except Social
19 Security numbers which are not to be released. Proceeds from
20 the sale of tapes, discs, lists, labels, or other materials
21 from the Secretary of State shall be retained by the Secretary
22 of State for use in voter registration. Upon application and
23 without charge, legislators shall be furnished up to two free
24 printed copies of the voter lists for their districts during a
25 legislative quadrennium and resale of the lists shall be
26 strictly prohibited. Upon application and without charge, the
27 Administrative Office of Courts shall be provided with an

1 electronic copy of the statewide voter list no more than once
2 a year for its use in the production of a master jury list or
3 for any other lawful purpose. Upon application and without
4 charge, the chief elections officer of any other state shall
5 be provided with an electronic copy of the statewide voter
6 list no more than once a year for any lawful purpose, on the
7 condition that the chief elections officer of the requesting
8 state agrees to reciprocate and provide a copy of the
9 statewide voter list to the chief elections officer of this
10 state upon request without charge to be used for any lawful
11 purpose. The Secretary of State may enter into an agreement
12 with any other state, at any time, regarding the exchange of
13 statewide voter lists. Resale of any portion of the list by
14 the Administrative Office of Courts or the office of the chief
15 elections officer of any other state shall be strictly
16 prohibited."

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
18 first day of the third month following its passage and
19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.