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FSASE Position On Voter's Information Privacy

Recently the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity sent a request to each state in the country, including Florida, to provide all public information concerning registered voters on the states voter roll which is available under the laws of that state. The FSASE advises the voters that critical, but not all, information is protected from public disclosure.

In Florida the state maintains a statewide voter registration system. This is operated and maintained by the Florida Department of State. Each county supervisor of elections maintains that counties voter registration rolls and is responsible to add or remove voters from the statewide system. Pursuant to Florida's public records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, voter registration information provided by voters when they register is a public record and open and accessible to the public. The Florida Legislature has made the decision to keep information such as name, address, date of birth, e-mail address, race, sex, party affiliation, telephone number and voter history (whether someone voted in an election, not how they voted) open to public inspection and copying. The FSASE has, for many years, requested the Florida Legislature to change the laws to protect voter information from disclosure. The Legislature has refused to do so.

A voter's social security number and Florida drivers license number or identification card are not public and are protected from disclosure under Florida law and are not released to any person or entity. Voters can be comfortable in knowing that their social security number and/or drivers license number provided as part of their registration is protected from disclosure and their signature may not be copied under any circumstance.