

SENATE BILL 1999

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-137 and Section 2-2-138, relative to voter registration systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-137(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) Beginning January 1, 2015, the coordinator of elections and the state election commission shall certify each voter registration system for purchase and use in the state. Subject to the concurrence of the state election commission, the coordinator of elections may make rules and policies as are necessary to carry out this subsection (c). In determining whether a voter registration system may be certified, the coordinator of elections and the state election commission shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) The compatibility of the voter registration system with any statewide system being operated by the secretary of state's office;
- (2) The history of ethical conduct in the sales of the voter registration system by the manufacturer or seller; and
- (3) The ability of the manufacturer or seller of the voter registration system to provide adequate professional assistance and service to the counties of the state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-138(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and by adding the following language:

(2) The list, and any other voter registration information, shall be the property of the county election commission and the state. Any vendor of the county election

commission having access to the voter registration data shall only use such data to service the county election commission and shall be prohibited from using such data other than for purposes of assisting the county election commission and the coordinator of elections. Non-authorized use by the vendor of the data shall constitute a Class B misdemeanor and grounds for decertification by the state election commission.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring

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