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AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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2 name, confidential, and relating to disclosure of that confidential information; and relating to
3 confidential information in voter registration records.

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5 * **Section 1.** AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 15.07.195. Certain information in voter registration records**

7 **confidential.** (a) The following information set out in state voter registration records
8 is confidential and is not open to public inspection:

9 (1) the voter's age or date of birth;
10 (2) the voter's social security number, or any part of that number;
11 (3) the voter's driver's license number;
12 (4) the voter's voter identification number;
13 (5) the voter's place of birth;
14 (6) the voter's signature.

(b) In addition to the information in (a) of this section, a voter may elect in writing to keep the voter's residential address confidential and not open to public inspection if the voter provides a separate mailing address. However, notwithstanding an election under this subsection, a voter's residential address may be disclosed to

(1) a watcher appointed under AS 15.10.170 and, in the case of a watcher appointed by an organization or group sponsoring or opposing an initiative, referendum, or recall group, authorized by the director;

(2) an observer of a recount provided under AS 15.20.440(b) by a candidate, political party, or organized group having a direct interest in the recount; or

(3) the subject of a recall election if the voter voted in the recall election.

(c) Notwithstanding other provisions, and in compliance with federal law, information made confidential by this section may be released by the division

(1) to a local, state, or federal government agency, including to the child support enforcement agency created in AS 25.27.010 or the child support enforcement agency of another state; the agency receiving information under this paragraph may use the information only for governmental purposes authorized under law;

(2) in compliance with a court order;

(3) to a person holding a writ of execution against the person or property of the voter; or

(4) if the voter about whom information has been requested has provided written consent to the release.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the release of a voter's voter ascension number if that information may be released under other provisions of law.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 43.23.017. Applicant information confidential. Information on each permanent fund dividend application, except the applicant's name, is confidential. The department may only release information that is confidential under this section

(1) to a local, state, or federal government agency;

(2) in compliance with a court order;

(3) to the individual who or agency that files an application on behalf of another;

(4) to a banking institution to verify the direct deposit of a permanent fund dividend or correct an error in that deposit;

(5) as directed to do so by the applicant; and

(6) to a contractor who has a contract with a person entitled to obtain the information under (1) - (5) of this section to receive, store, or manage the information on that person's behalf; a contractor receiving data under this paragraph may only use the data as directed by and for the purposes of the person entitled to obtain the information.

* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICATION. (a) AS 15.07.195, added in sec. 1 of the Act, applies to voter registration records beginning on January 1, 2005, and thereafter.

15 (b) AS 43.23.017, added in sec. 2 of this Act, applies to applications for the 2005
16 permanent fund dividend and for dividends for years thereafter.