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Senate

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Representative Boyd offered the following:

**Amendment to Amendment (362928) (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 5-1085 of the amendment and insert:

Section 1. Section 97.0555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.0555 Late registration.—An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the book-closing date for an election pursuant to s. 97.055 and who is otherwise qualified may register to vote in such election until 5 p.m. on the Friday before that election in the office of the supervisor of elections. Such persons must produce sufficient documentation

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17 showing evidence of qualifying for late registration pursuant to  
18 this section.

19 Section 2. Section 100.032, Florida Statutes, is created to  
20 read:

21 100.032 Election preparation report; general election.

22 Each supervisor of elections must post a report on his or her  
23 official website at least 3 months before a general election  
24 which outlines preparations for the upcoming general election.

25 The report must include, at a minimum, the following elements:  
26 the anticipated staffing levels during the early voting period,  
27 on election day and after election day; and the anticipated  
28 amount of automatic tabulating equipment at each early voting  
29 site and polling place.

30 Section 3. Section 100.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
31 read:

32 100.061 Primary election.—In each year in which a general  
33 election is held, a primary election for nomination of  
34 candidates of political parties shall be held on the Tuesday 10  
35 12 weeks prior to the general election. The candidate receiving  
36 the highest number of votes cast in each contest in the primary  
37 election shall be declared nominated for such office. If two or  
38 more candidates receive an equal and highest number of votes for  
39 the same office, such candidates shall draw lots to determine  
40 which candidate is nominated.

41 Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of  
42 section 101.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

43 101.045 Electors must be registered in precinct; provisions  
44 for change of residence or name.—

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45 (2) (a) An elector who moves from the precinct in which the  
46 elector is registered may ~~be permitted to~~ vote in the precinct  
47 to which he or she has moved his or her legal residence, if the  
48 change of residence is within the same county or the precinct to  
49 which the elector has moved his or her legal residence is within  
50 a county that uses an electronic database as a precinct register  
51 at the polling place, and the elector completes an affirmation  
52 in substantially the following form:

53  
54 Change of Legal Residence of Registered  
55 Voter  
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57 Under penalties for false swearing, I, ...(Name of voter)...,  
58 swear (or affirm) that the former address of my legal residence  
59 was ...(Address of legal residence)... in the municipality of  
60 ....., in .... County, Florida, and I was registered to vote in  
61 the .... precinct of .... County, Florida; that I have not voted  
62 in the precinct of my former registration in this election; that  
63 I now reside at ...(Address of legal residence)... in the  
64 Municipality of ....., in .... County, Florida, and am therefore  
65 eligible to vote in the .... precinct of .... County, Florida;  
66 and I further swear (or affirm) that I am otherwise legally  
67 registered and entitled to vote.

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69 ...(Signature of voter whose address of legal residence has  
70 changed)...

71 (b) Except for an active uniformed services voter or a  
72 member of his or her family and except for an elector who has

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73 moved his or her legal residence to a precinct within a county  
74 that uses an electronic database as a precinct register at the  
75 polling place, an elector whose change of address is from  
76 outside the county may not change his or her legal residence at  
77 the polling place and must vote a provisional ~~regular~~ ballot;  
78 ~~however, such elector is entitled to vote a provisional ballot.~~

79 Section 5. Present subsection (8) of section 101.151,  
80 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), and a new  
81 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

82 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

83 (8) In counties subject to multi-language ballot  
84 requirements, the supervisor may petition the United States  
85 Department of Justice for authorization for the supervisor to  
86 print and deliver single-language ballots for each minority  
87 language required.

88 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 101.161, Florida  
89 Statutes, is amended to read:

90 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

91 (3) (a) Each joint resolution that proposes a constitutional  
92 amendment or revision shall include one or more ballot  
93 statements set forth in order of priority. Each ballot statement  
94 shall consist of a ballot title, by which the measure is  
95 commonly referred to or spoken of, not exceeding 15 words in  
96 length, and ~~either~~ a ballot summary that describes the chief  
97 purpose of the amendment or revision in clear and unambiguous  
98 language, ~~or the full text of the amendment or revision.~~ If a  
99 joint resolution that proposes a constitutional amendment or  
100 revision contains only one ballot statement, the ballot summary

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101 may not exceed 75 words in length. If a joint resolution that  
102 proposes a constitutional amendment or revision contains more  
103 than one ballot statement, the first ballot summary, in order of  
104 priority, may not exceed 75 words in length.

105 (b) The Department of State shall furnish a designating  
106 number pursuant to subsection (2) and the appropriate ballot  
107 statement to the supervisor of elections of each county. The  
108 ballot statement shall be printed on the ballot after the list  
109 of candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word  
110 "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote  
111 will indicate approval of the amendment or revision and a "no"  
112 vote will indicate rejection.

113 (c) ~~(b)~~ 1. Any action for a judicial determination that one  
114 or more ballot statements embodied in a joint resolution are  
115 defective must be commenced by filing a complaint or petition  
116 with the appropriate court within 30 days after the joint  
117 resolution is filed with the Secretary of State. The complaint  
118 or petition shall assert all grounds for challenge to each  
119 ballot statement. Any ground not asserted within 30 days after  
120 the joint resolution is filed with the Secretary of State is  
121 waived.

122 2. The court, including any appellate court, shall accord  
123 an action described in subparagraph 1. priority over other  
124 pending cases and render a decision as expeditiously as  
125 possible. If the court finds that all ballot statements embodied  
126 in a joint resolution are defective and further appeals are  
127 declined, abandoned, or exhausted, unless otherwise provided in  
128 the joint resolution, the Attorney General shall, within 10

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129 days, prepare and submit to the Department of State a revised  
130 ballot title or ballot summary that corrects the deficiencies  
131 identified by the court, and the Department of State shall  
132 furnish a designating number and the revised ballot title or  
133 ballot summary to the supervisor of elections of each county for  
134 placement on the ballot. The revised ballot summary may exceed  
135 75 words in length. The court shall retain jurisdiction over  
136 challenges to a revised ballot title or ballot summary prepared  
137 by the Attorney General, and any challenge to a revised ballot  
138 title or ballot summary must be filed within 10 days after a  
139 revised ballot title or ballot summary is submitted to the  
140 Department of State.

141 ~~3. A ballot statement that consists of the full text of an~~  
142 ~~amendment or revision shall be presumed to be a clear and~~  
143 ~~unambiguous statement of the substance and effect of the~~  
144 ~~amendment or revision, providing fair notice to the electors of~~  
145 ~~the content of the amendment or revision and sufficiently~~  
146 ~~advising electors of the issue upon which they are to vote.~~

147 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 101.5605, Florida  
148 Statutes, is amended to read:

149 101.5605 Examination and approval of equipment.-

150 (3) (a) Before the Department of State approves the  
151 electronic or electromechanical voting system, the person who  
152 submitted it for examination shall provide the department with  
153 the name, mailing address, and telephone number of a registered  
154 agent, which agent must have and continuously maintain an office  
155 in this state. Any change in the name, address, or telephone

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156 number of the registered agent shall promptly be made known to  
157 the department.

158 (b) Before entering into a contract for the sale or lease  
159 of a voting system approved under this section to any county,  
160 the person entering into such contract shall provide the  
161 department with the name, mailing address, and telephone number  
162 of a registered agent, which agent must have and continuously  
163 maintain an office in this state. Any change in the name,  
164 address, or telephone number of the registered agent shall  
165 promptly be made known to the department.

166 (c) The department's proof of delivery or attempted  
167 delivery to the last mailing address of the registered agent on  
168 file with the department at the time of delivery or attempted  
169 delivery is valid for all notice purposes.

170 (d) Within 30 days after completing the examination and  
171 upon approval of any electronic or electromechanical voting  
172 system, the Department of State shall make and maintain a report  
173 on the system, together with a written or printed description  
174 and drawings and photographs clearly identifying the system and  
175 the operation thereof. As soon as practicable after such filing,  
176 the department shall send a notice of certification and, upon  
177 request, a copy of the report to the governing bodies of the  
178 respective counties of the state. Any voting system that does  
179 not receive the approval of the department ~~may shall~~ not be  
180 adopted for or used at any election.

181 (e) ~~(b)~~ After a voting system has been approved by the  
182 Department of State, any change or improvement in the system is  
183 required to be approved by the department prior to the adoption

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184 of such change or improvement by any county. If any such change  
185 or improvement does not comply with the requirements of this  
186 act, the department shall suspend all sales of the equipment or  
187 system in the state until the equipment or system complies with  
188 the requirements of this act.

189 Section 8. Section 101.56065, Florida Statutes, is created  
190 to read:

191 101.56065 Voting system defects; disclosure;  
192 investigations; penalties.-

193 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

194 (a) "Defect" means:

195 1. Any failure, fault, or flaw in an electronic or  
196 electromechanical voting system approved pursuant to s. 101.5605  
197 which results in nonconformance with the standards in a manner  
198 that affects the timeliness or accuracy of the casting or  
199 counting of ballots; or

200 2. Any failure or inability of the voting system  
201 manufacturer or vendor to make available or provide approved  
202 replacements of hardware or software to the counties that have  
203 purchased the approved voting system, the unavailability of  
204 which results in the system's nonconformance with the standards  
205 in a manner that affects the timeliness or accuracy of the  
206 casting or counting of ballots.

207 (b) "Standards" refers to the requirements in ss. 101.5606  
208 and 101.56062 under which a voting system was approved for use  
209 in the state.

210 (c) "Vendor" means a person who submits or previously  
211 submitted a voting system that was approved by the Department of

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212 State in accordance with s. 101.5605, or a person who enters  
213 into a contract for the sale or lease of a voting system to any  
214 county, or that previously entered into such a contract that has  
215 not expired.

216 (2) (a) No later than December 31, 2013, and, thereafter, on  
217 January 1 of every odd-numbered year, each vendor shall file a  
218 written disclosure with the department identifying any known  
219 defect in the voting system or the fact that there is no known  
220 defect, the effect of any defect on the operation and use of the  
221 approved voting system, and any known corrective measures to  
222 cure a defect, including, but not limited to, advisories and  
223 bulletins issued to system users.

224 (b) Implementation of corrective measures approved by the  
225 department which enable a system to conform to the standards and  
226 ensure the timeliness and accuracy of the casting and counting  
227 of ballots constitutes a cure of a defect.

228 (c) If a vendor becomes aware of the existence of a defect,  
229 he or she must file a new disclosure with the department as  
230 provided in paragraph (a) within 30 days after the date the  
231 vendor determined or reasonably should have determined that the  
232 defect existed.

233 (d) If a vendor discloses to the department that a defect  
234 exists, the department may suspend all sales or leases of the  
235 voting system in the state and may suspend the use of the system  
236 in any election in the state. The department shall provide  
237 written notice of any such suspension to each affected vendor  
238 and supervisor of elections. If the department determines that  
239 the defect no longer exists, the department shall lift the

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240 suspension and provide written notice to each affected vendor  
241 and supervisor of elections.

242 (e) If a vendor fails to file a required disclosure for a  
243 voting system previously approved by the department, that system  
244 may not be sold, leased, or used for elections in the state  
245 until it has been submitted for examination and approval and  
246 adopted for use pursuant to s. 101.5605. The department shall  
247 provide written notice to all supervisors of elections that the  
248 system is no longer approved.

249 (3) (a) If the department has reasonable cause to believe a  
250 voting system approved pursuant to s. 101.5605 contains a defect  
251 either before, during, or after an election which has not been  
252 disclosed pursuant to subsection (2), the department may  
253 investigate whether the voting system has a defect.

254 (b) The department may initiate an investigation pursuant  
255 to paragraph (a) on its own initiative or upon the written  
256 request of the supervisor of elections of a county that  
257 purchased or leased a voting system that contains the alleged  
258 defect.

259 (c) Upon initiating an investigation, the department shall  
260 provide written notice to the vendor and all of the supervisors  
261 of elections.

262 (4) (a) If the department determines by a preponderance of  
263 the evidence that a defect exists in the voting system, or that  
264 a vendor failed to timely disclose a defect pursuant to  
265 subsection (2), the department shall provide written notice to  
266 the affected vendor and supervisors of elections.

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267 (b) A vendor entitled to receive notice pursuant to  
268 paragraph (a) shall, within 10 days, file a written response to  
269 the department which:

270 1. Denies that the alleged defect exists or existed as  
271 alleged by the department or that the vendor failed to timely  
272 disclose a defect, and sets forth the reasons for such denial;  
273 or

274 2. Admits that the defect exists or existed as alleged by  
275 the department or that the vendor failed to timely disclose a  
276 defect.

277 (c) If the defect has been cured, the vendor shall provide  
278 an explanation of how the defect was cured.

279 (d) If the defect has not been cured, the vendor shall  
280 inform the department whether the defect can be cured and shall  
281 provide the department with a plan for curing the defect. If the  
282 defect can be cured, the department shall establish a timeframe  
283 within which to cure the defect.

284 (5) If after receiving a response from the vendor, the  
285 department determines that a defect does not exist or has been  
286 cured within the timeframe established by the department, the  
287 department shall take no further action.

288 (6) If the department determines that: a vendor failed to  
289 timely disclose a defect; or that a defect exists and a vendor  
290 has not filed a written response or has failed to cure within  
291 the timeframe established by the department, or if the defect  
292 cannot be cured, the department shall impose a civil penalty of  
293 \$25,000 for the defect plus an amount equal to the actual costs  
294 incurred by the department in conducting the investigation.

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295 (7) If the department finds that a defect existed:

296 (a) The department may suspend all sales and leases of the  
297 voting system and may suspend its use in any county in the  
298 state. The department shall provide written notice of the  
299 suspension to each affected vendor and supervisor of elections.

300 (b) If the department determines that a defect no longer  
301 exists in a voting system that has been suspended from use  
302 pursuant to paragraph (a), the department shall lift the  
303 suspension and authorize the sale, lease, and use of the voting  
304 system in any election in the state. The department shall  
305 provide written notice that the suspension has been lifted to  
306 each affected vendor and supervisor of elections.

307 (c) If the defect cannot be cured, the department may  
308 disapprove the voting system for use in elections in the state.  
309 The department shall provide written notice to all supervisors  
310 of elections that the system is no longer approved. After  
311 approval of a system has been withdrawn pursuant to this  
312 paragraph, the system may not be sold, leased, or used in  
313 elections in the state until it has been submitted for  
314 examination and approval and adopted for use pursuant to s.  
315 101.5605.

316 (d) Any vendor against whom a civil penalty was imposed  
317 under this section may not submit a voting system for approval  
318 by the Department of State in accordance with s. 101.5605 or  
319 enter into a contract for sale or lease of a voting system in  
320 the state until the civil penalties have been paid and the  
321 department provides written confirmation to the supervisors of  
322 elections of the payment.

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323       (8) The department shall prepare a written report of any  
324 investigation conducted pursuant to this section.

325       (9) The authority of the department under this section is  
326 in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other authority  
327 provided by law.

328       (10) All proceedings under this section are exempt from  
329 chapter 120.

330       Section 9. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is amended  
331 to read:

332       101.56075 Voting methods.—

333       (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), all voting shall  
334 be by marksense ballot utilizing a marking device for the  
335 purpose of designating ballot selections.

336       (2) Persons with disabilities may vote on a voter interface  
337 device that meets the voting system accessibility requirements  
338 for individuals with disabilities pursuant to s. 301 of the  
339 federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

340       (3) By 2020 ~~2016~~, persons with disabilities shall vote on a  
341 voter interface device that meets the voter accessibility  
342 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of  
343 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062 which  
344 are consistent with subsection (1) of this section.

345       ~~(4) By December 31, 2013, all voting systems utilized by~~  
346 ~~voters during a state election shall permit placement on the~~  
347 ~~ballot of the full text of a constitutional amendment or~~  
348 ~~revision containing stricken or underlined text.~~

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349 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 101.591,  
350 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (4) of that  
351 section is republished, to read:

352 101.591 Voting system audit.—

353 (1) Immediately following the certification of each  
354 election, the county canvassing board or the local board  
355 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct a manual  
356 audit or an automated, independent audit of the voting systems  
357 used in randomly selected precincts.

358 (2) (a) A manual ~~The~~ audit shall consist of a public manual  
359 tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that  
360 appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-  
361 day, absentee, early voting, provisional, and overseas ballots,  
362 in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the  
363 precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the  
364 local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1  
365 percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the  
366 audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at  
367 random by the county canvassing board or the local board  
368 responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be  
369 selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.

370 (b) An automated audit shall consist of a public automated  
371 tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on the  
372 ballot. The tally sheet shall include election day, absentee,  
373 early voting, provisional, and overseas ballots in at least 20  
374 percent of the precincts chosen at random by the county  
375 canvassing board or the local board responsible for certifying

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376 the election. Such precincts shall be selected at a publicly  
377 noticed canvassing board meeting.

378 (c) The division shall adopt rules for approval of an  
379 independent audit system which provide that the system, at a  
380 minimum, must be:

381 1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.

382 2. Fast enough to produce final audit results within the  
383 timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).

384 3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record have  
385 been accurately adjudicated by the audit system.

386 (4) The audit must be completed and the results made public  
387 no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification  
388 of the election by the county canvassing board or the local  
389 board responsible for certifying the election.

390 Section 11. Subsections (1) and (3) and paragraph (c) of  
391 subsection (4) of section 101.62, Florida Statutes, are amended  
392 to read:

393 101.62 Request for absentee ballots.—

394 (1) (a) The supervisor shall accept a request for an  
395 absentee ballot from an elector in person or in writing. One  
396 request shall be deemed sufficient to receive an absentee ballot  
397 for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the  
398 second ensuing regularly scheduled general election, unless the  
399 elector or the elector's designee indicates at the time the  
400 request is made the elections for which the elector desires to  
401 receive an absentee ballot. Such request may be considered  
402 canceled when any first-class mail sent by the supervisor to the  
403 elector is returned as undeliverable.

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404 (b) The supervisor may accept a written or telephonic  
405 request for an absentee ballot to be mailed to an elector's  
406 address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System from  
407 the elector, or, if directly instructed by the elector, a member  
408 of the elector's immediate family, or the elector's legal  
409 guardian; if the ballot is requested to be mailed to an address  
410 other than the elector's address on file in the Florida Voter  
411 Registration System, the request must be made in writing and  
412 signed by the elector. However, an absent uniformed service  
413 voter or an overseas voter seeking an absentee ballot is not  
414 required to submit a signed, written request for an absentee  
415 ballot that is being mailed to an address other than the  
416 elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration  
417 System. For purposes of this section, the term "immediate  
418 family" has the same meaning as specified in paragraph (4) (c).  
419 The person making the request must disclose:

- 420 1. The name of the elector for whom the ballot is  
421 requested.
- 422 2. The elector's address.
- 423 3. The elector's date of birth.
- 424 4. The requester's name.
- 425 5. The requester's address.
- 426 6. The requester's driver's license number, if available.
- 427 7. The requester's relationship to the elector.
- 428 8. The requester's signature (written requests only).

429 (c) Upon receiving a request for an absentee ballot from an  
430 absent voter, the supervisor of elections shall notify the voter  
431 of the free access system that has been designated by the

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432 department for determining the status of his or her absentee  
433 ballot.

434 (3) For each request for an absentee ballot received, the  
435 supervisor shall record the date the request was made, the date  
436 the absentee ballot was delivered to the voter or the voter's  
437 designee or the date the absentee ballot was delivered to the  
438 post office or other carrier, the date the ballot was received  
439 by the supervisor, the absence of the voter's signature on the  
440 voter's certificate, if applicable, and such other information  
441 he or she may deem necessary. This information shall be provided  
442 in electronic format as provided by rule adopted by the  
443 division. The information shall be updated and made available no  
444 later than 8 a.m. of each day, including weekends, beginning 60  
445 days before the primary until 15 days after the general election  
446 and shall be contemporaneously provided to the division. This  
447 information shall be confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions~~  
448 ~~of~~ s. 119.07(1) and shall be made available to or reproduced  
449 only for the voter requesting the ballot, a canvassing board, an  
450 election official, a political party or official thereof, a  
451 candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in  
452 an upcoming election, and registered political committees or  
453 registered committees of continuous existence, for political  
454 purposes only.

455 (4)

456 (c) The supervisor shall provide an absentee ballot to each  
457 elector by whom a request for that ballot has been made by one  
458 of the following means:

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459 1. By nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable mail to the  
460 elector's current mailing address on file with the supervisor or  
461 any other address the elector specifies in the request.

462 2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine  
463 transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas  
464 voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
465 may designate in the absentee ballot request the preferred  
466 method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the  
467 method of transmission, the absentee ballot shall be mailed.

468 3. By personal delivery before 7 p.m. on election day to  
469 the elector, upon presentation of the identification required in  
470 s. 101.043.

471 4. By delivery to a designee on election day or up to 5  
472 days prior to the day of an election. Any elector may designate  
473 in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the elector;  
474 however, the person designated may not pick up more than two  
475 absentee ballots per election, other than the designee's own  
476 ballot, except that additional ballots may be picked up for  
477 members of the designee's immediate family. For purposes of this  
478 section, "immediate family" means the designee's spouse or the  
479 parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the designee or of the  
480 designee's spouse. The designee shall provide to the supervisor  
481 the written authorization by the elector and a picture  
482 identification of the designee and must complete an affidavit.  
483 The designee shall state in the affidavit that the designee is  
484 authorized by the elector to pick up that ballot and shall  
485 indicate if the elector is a member of the designee's immediate  
486 family and, if so, the relationship. The department shall

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487 prescribe the form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is  
488 satisfied that the designee is authorized to pick up the ballot  
489 and that the signature of the elector on the written  
490 authorization matches the signature of the elector on file, the  
491 supervisor shall give the ballot to that designee for delivery  
492 to the elector.

493 5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not  
494 deliver an absentee ballot to an elector or an elector's  
495 immediate family member on the day of the election unless there  
496 is an emergency, to the extent that the elector will be unable  
497 to go to his or her assigned polling place. If an absentee  
498 ballot is delivered, the elector or his or her designee shall  
499 execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which allow for  
500 delivery of the absentee ballot. The department shall adopt a  
501 rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

502 Section 12. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
503 read:

504 101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor  
505 shall enclose with each absentee ballot separate printed  
506 instructions in substantially the following form:

507  
508 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

509 1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your absentee  
510 ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned as  
511 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
512 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
513 later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. However, if you  
514 are an overseas voter casting a ballot in a presidential

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515 preference primary or general election, your absentee ballot  
516 must be postmarked or dated no later than the date of the  
517 election and received by the supervisor of elections of the  
518 county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days  
519 after the date of the election.

520         2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
521 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
522 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

523         3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
524 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
525 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one candidate,  
526 your vote in that race will not be counted.

527         4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
528 envelope.

529         5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing  
530 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

531         6. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the  
532 Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

533         7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be  
534 counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
535 Signature). An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and  
536 not be counted if the signature on the voter's certificate does  
537 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
538 start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
539 that will be used to verify your signature on the voter's  
540 certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
541 election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
542 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is

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543 received no later than the start of the canvassing of absentee  
544 ballots, which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before  
545 election day.

546 8. VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must  
547 include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line  
548 above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

549 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
550 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

551 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
552 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
553 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
554 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
555 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

556 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
557 section 101.657, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

558 101.657 Early voting.—

559 (1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of  
560 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or  
561 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,  
562 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for  
563 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used  
564 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the  
565 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for  
566 at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also  
567 designate any city hall, ~~or~~ permanent public library facility,  
568 fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission  
569 building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior  
570 center, or government-owned community center as early voting

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571 sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be  
572 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county  
573 an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
574 practicable. In addition, a supervisor may designate one early  
575 voting site per election in an area of the county that does not  
576 have any of the eligible early voting locations. Such additional  
577 early voting site must be geographically located so as to  
578 provide all voters in that area with an equal opportunity to  
579 cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable. Each county shall, at  
580 a minimum, operate the same total number of early voting sites  
581 for a general election which the county operated for the 2012  
582 general election. The results or tabulation of votes cast during  
583 early voting may not be made before the close of the polls on  
584 election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

585 (d) Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an  
586 election that contains state or federal races and end on the 3rd  
587 day before the election, and shall be provided for no less than  
588 8 6 hours and no more than 12 hours per day at each site during  
589 the applicable period. In addition, early voting may be offered  
590 at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15th,  
591 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, or 2nd day before an election that  
592 contains state or federal races for at least 8 hours per day,  
593 but not more than 12 hours per day. The supervisor of elections  
594 may provide early voting for elections that are not held in  
595 conjunction with a state or federal election. However, the  
596 supervisor has the discretion to determine the hours of  
597 operation of early voting sites in those elections.

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598 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 101.67, Florida  
599 Statutes, is amended to read:

600 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for  
601 receiving absentee ballots.—

602 (2) Except as provided in s. 101.6952(5), all marked absent  
603 electors' ballots to be counted must be received by the  
604 supervisor by 7 p.m. the day of the election. All ballots  
605 received thereafter shall be marked with the time and date of  
606 receipt and filed in the supervisor's office.

607 Section 15. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 101.68,  
608 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (2) of that  
609 section is reenacted and amended, to read:

610 101.68 Canvassing of absentee ballot.—

611 (1) The supervisor of the county where the absent elector  
612 resides shall receive the voted ballot, at which time the  
613 supervisor shall compare the signature of the elector on the  
614 voter's certificate with the signature of the elector in the  
615 registration books or the precinct register to determine whether  
616 the elector is duly registered in the county and may record on  
617 the elector's registration certificate that the elector has  
618 voted. However, effective July 1, 2005, an elector who dies  
619 after casting an absentee ballot but on or before election day  
620 shall remain listed in the registration books until the results  
621 have been certified for the election in which the ballot was  
622 cast. The supervisor shall safely keep the ballot unopened in  
623 his or her office until the county canvassing board canvasses  
624 the vote. Except as provided in subsection (4), after an  
625 absentee ballot is received by the supervisor, the ballot is

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626 deemed to have been cast, and changes or additions may not be  
627 made to the voter's certificate.

628 (2) (a) The county canvassing board may begin the canvassing  
629 of absentee ballots at 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the  
630 election, but not later than noon on the day following the  
631 election. In addition, for any county using electronic  
632 tabulating equipment, the processing of absentee ballots through  
633 such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on the 15th day  
634 before the election. However, notwithstanding any such  
635 authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise processing  
636 absentee ballots early, no result shall be released until after  
637 the closing of the polls in that county on election day. Any  
638 supervisor of elections, deputy supervisor of elections,  
639 canvassing board member, election board member, or election  
640 employee who releases the results of a canvassing or processing  
641 of absentee ballots prior to the closing of the polls in that  
642 county on election day commits a felony of the third degree,  
643 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

644 (b) To ensure that all absentee ballots to be counted by  
645 the canvassing board are accounted for, the canvassing board  
646 shall compare the number of ballots in its possession with the  
647 number of requests for ballots received to be counted according  
648 to the supervisor's file or list.

649 (c)1. The canvassing board shall, if the supervisor has not  
650 already done so, compare the signature of the elector on the  
651 voter's certificate or on the absentee ballot affidavit as  
652 provided in subsection (4) with the signature of the elector in  
653 the registration books or the precinct register to see that the



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654 elector is duly registered in the county and to determine the  
655 legality of that absentee ballot. The ballot of an elector who  
656 casts an absentee ballot shall be counted even if the elector  
657 dies on or before election day, as long as, prior to the death  
658 of the voter, the ballot was postmarked by the United States  
659 Postal Service, date-stamped with a verifiable tracking number  
660 by common carrier, or already in the possession of the  
661 supervisor of elections. An absentee ballot shall be considered  
662 illegal if the voter's certificate or absentee ballot affidavit  
663 ~~it~~ does not include the signature of the elector, as shown by  
664 the registration records or the precinct register. However, an  
665 absentee ballot is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ considered illegal if the  
666 signature of the elector does not cross the seal of the mailing  
667 envelope. If the canvassing board determines that any ballot is  
668 illegal, a member of the board shall, without opening the  
669 envelope, mark across the face of the envelope: "rejected as  
670 illegal." The absentee ballot affidavit, if applicable, the  
671 envelope, and the ballot contained therein shall be preserved in  
672 the manner that official ballots voted are preserved.

673 2. If any elector or candidate present believes that an  
674 absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the  
675 voter's certificate or the absentee ballot affidavit, he or she  
676 may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope,  
677 file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of  
678 that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason  
679 he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based  
680 upon a defect in the voter's certificate or absentee ballot

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681 affidavit may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed  
682 from the mailing envelope.

683 (d) The canvassing board shall record the ballot upon the  
684 proper record, unless the ballot has been previously recorded by  
685 the supervisor. The mailing envelopes shall be opened and the  
686 secrecy envelopes shall be mixed so as to make it impossible to  
687 determine which secrecy envelope came out of which signed  
688 mailing envelope; however, in any county in which an electronic  
689 or electromechanical voting system is used, the ballots may be  
690 sorted by ballot styles and the mailing envelopes may be opened  
691 and the secrecy envelopes mixed separately for each ballot  
692 style. The votes on absentee ballots shall be included in the  
693 total vote of the county.

694 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall, on behalf of the  
695 county canvassing board, notify each elector whose ballot was  
696 rejected as illegal and provide the specific reason the ballot  
697 was rejected ~~because of a difference between the elector's~~  
698 ~~signature on the ballot and that on the elector's voter~~  
699 ~~registration record.~~ The supervisor shall mail a voter  
700 registration application to the elector to be completed  
701 indicating the elector's current signature if the elector's  
702 ballot was rejected due to a difference between the elector's  
703 signature on the voter's certificate or absentee ballot  
704 affidavit and the elector's signature in the registration books  
705 or precinct register. This section does not prohibit the  
706 supervisor from providing additional methods for updating an  
707 elector's signature.

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708 (b) Until 5 p.m. on the day before an election, the  
709 supervisor shall allow an elector who has returned an absentee  
710 ballot that does not include the elector's signature to complete  
711 and submit an affidavit in order to cure the unsigned absentee  
712 ballot.

713 (c) The elector shall provide identification to the  
714 supervisor and must complete an absentee ballot affidavit in  
715 substantially the following form:

717 ABSENTEE BALLOT AFFIDAVIT

718 I, ....., am a qualified voter in this election and  
719 registered voter of .... County, Florida. I do solemnly swear or  
720 affirm that I requested and returned the absentee ballot and  
721 that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this  
722 election. I understand that if I commit or attempt any fraud in  
723 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
724 than once in an election, I may be convicted of a felony of the  
725 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and imprisoned for up to 5  
726 years. I understand that my failure to sign this affidavit means  
727 that my absentee ballot will be invalidated.

728  
729 ...(Voter's Signature)...

730  
731 ...(Address)...

732  
733 (d) Instructions must accompany the absentee ballot  
734 affidavit in substantially the following form:

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736 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
737 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
738 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

739  
740 1. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be  
741 counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as soon  
742 as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of  
743 the county in which your precinct is located no later than 5  
744 p.m. on the 2nd day before the election.

745 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
746 Signature).

747 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
748 identification:

749 a. Identification that includes your name and photograph:  
750 United States passport; debit or credit card; military  
751 identification; student identification; retirement center  
752 identification; neighborhood association identification; or  
753 public assistance identification; or

754 b. Identification that shows your name and current  
755 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
756 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
757 voter identification card).

758 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
759 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
760 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail, deliver, or have  
761 delivered the completed affidavit along with the copy of your  
762 identification to your county supervisor of elections. Be sure

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763 there is sufficient postage if mailed and that the supervisor's  
764 address is correct.

765 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed  
766 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of  
767 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as  
768 attachments.

769 (e) The department and each supervisor shall include the  
770 affidavit and instructions on their respective websites. The  
771 supervisor must include his or her office's mailing address, e-  
772 mail address, and fax number on the page containing the  
773 affidavit instructions; the department's instruction page must  
774 include the office mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and fax  
775 numbers of all supervisors of elections or provide a conspicuous  
776 link to such addresses.

777 (f) The supervisor shall attach each affidavit received to  
778 the appropriate absentee ballot mailing envelope.

779 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida  
780 Statutes, is amended to read:

781 101.6923 Special absentee ballot instructions for certain  
782 first-time voters.—

783 (2) A voter covered by this section shall be provided with  
784 printed instructions with his or her absentee ballot in  
785 substantially the following form:

786  
787 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR  
788 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE  
789 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.  
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791 1. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be  
792 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
793 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
794 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
795 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
796 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
797 election, your absentee ballot must be postmarked or dated no  
798 later than the date of the election and received by the  
799 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
800 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
801 election.

802 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
803 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
804 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

805 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
806 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
807 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
808 that race will not be counted.

809 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
810 envelope and seal the envelope.

811 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
812 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
813 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
814 envelope.

815 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
816 Signature).

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817 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
818 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
819 your ballot may not be counted.

820 c. An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and will  
821 not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate does  
822 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
823 start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
824 that will be used to verify your signature on the Voter's  
825 Certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
826 election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
827 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is  
828 received no later than the start of canvassing of absentee  
829 ballots, which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before  
830 election day.

831 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
832 must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
833 identification:

834 a. Identification which must include your name and  
835 photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
836 military identification; student identification; retirement  
837 center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
838 or public assistance identification; or

839 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
840 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
841 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
842 voter identification card).

843 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
844 if you meet one of the following requirements:

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- 845 a. You are 65 years of age or older.
- 846 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.
- 847 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty
- 848 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the
- 849 county on election day.
- 850 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason
- 851 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the
- 852 county on election day.
- 853 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to
- 854 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active
- 855 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on
- 856 election day.
- 857 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

858 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into

859 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy

860 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR

861 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR

862 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR

863 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

864 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing

865 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

866 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to

867 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote

868 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote

869 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under

870 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

871 Section 17. Subsection (5) is added to section 101.6952,

872 Florida Statutes, to read:



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873 101.6952 Absentee ballots for absent uniformed services and  
874 overseas voters.—

875 (5) An absentee ballot from an overseas voter in any  
876 presidential preference primary or general election which is  
877 postmarked or dated no later than the date of the election and  
878 is received by the supervisor of elections of the county in  
879 which the overseas voter is registered no later than 10 days  
880 after the date of the election shall be counted as long as the  
881 absentee ballot is otherwise proper.

882 Section 18. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of  
883 section 102.031, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph  
884 (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

885 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;  
886 persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas;  
887 unlawful solicitation of voters.—

888 (4) (a) No person, political committee, committee of  
889 continuous existence, or other group or organization may solicit  
890 voters inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the  
891 entrance to any polling place, a ~~or~~ polling room where the  
892 polling place is also a polling room, ~~an~~ ~~or~~ early voting site,  
893 or an office of the supervisor of elections where absentee  
894 ballots are requested and printed on demand for the convenience  
895 of electors who appear in person to request them. Before the  
896 opening of the polling place or early voting site, the clerk or  
897 supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the  
898 boundaries.

899 (b) For the purpose of this subsection, the terms "solicit"  
900 or "solicitation" shall include, but not be limited to, seeking

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901 or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution;  
902 distributing or attempting to distribute any political or  
903 campaign material, leaflet, or handout; conducting a poll except  
904 as specified in this paragraph; seeking or attempting to seek a  
905 signature on any petition; and selling or attempting to sell any  
906 item. The terms "solicit" or "solicitation" may ~~shall~~ not be  
907 construed to prohibit exit polling.

908 (d) Except as provided in paragraph (a), the supervisor may  
909 not designate a no-solicitation zone or otherwise restrict  
910 access to any person, political committee, committee of  
911 continuous existence, candidate, or other group or organization  
912 for the purposes of soliciting voters. This paragraph applies to  
913 any public or private property used as a polling place or early  
914 voting site.

915 Section 19. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 102.141,  
916 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

917 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

918 (1) The county canvassing board shall be composed of the  
919 supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as  
920 chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners.  
921 Alternate canvassing board members must be appointed pursuant to  
922 paragraph (e). In the event any member of the county canvassing  
923 board is unable to serve, is a candidate who has opposition in  
924 the election being canvassed, or is an active participant in the  
925 campaign or candidacy of any candidate who has opposition in the  
926 election being canvassed, such member shall be replaced as  
927 follows:

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928 (a) If no county court judge is able to serve or if all are  
929 disqualified, the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which  
930 the county is located shall appoint as a substitute member a  
931 qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with  
932 opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an  
933 active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate  
934 with opposition in the election being canvassed. In such event,  
935 the members of the county canvassing board shall meet and elect  
936 a chair.

937 (b) If the supervisor of elections is unable to serve or is  
938 disqualified, the chair of the board of county commissioners  
939 shall appoint as a substitute member a member of the board of  
940 county commissioners who is not a candidate with opposition in  
941 the election being canvassed and who is not an active  
942 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with  
943 opposition in the election being canvassed. The supervisor,  
944 however, shall act in an advisory capacity to the canvassing  
945 board.

946 (c) If the chair of the board of county commissioners is  
947 unable to serve or is disqualified, the board of county  
948 commissioners shall appoint as a substitute member one of its  
949 members who is not a candidate with opposition in the election  
950 being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the  
951 campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the  
952 election being canvassed.

953 (d) If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be  
954 appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the  
955 event of a vacancy in such office, the chief judge of the

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956 judicial circuit in which the county is located shall appoint as  
957 a substitute member or alternate member a qualified elector of  
958 the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the  
959 election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in  
960 the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in  
961 the election being canvassed.

962 (e)1. The chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the  
963 county is located shall appoint a county court judge as an  
964 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each  
965 county court judge is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall  
966 appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a  
967 substitute member under paragraph (a).

968 2. The chair of the board of county commissioners shall  
969 appoint a member of the board of county commissioners as an  
970 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each  
971 member of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve  
972 or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is  
973 qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (d).

974 3. If a member of the county canvassing board is unable to  
975 participate in a meeting of the board, the chair of the county  
976 canvassing board or his or her designee shall designate which  
977 alternate member will serve as a member of the board in the  
978 place of the member who is unable to participate at that  
979 meeting.

980 4. If not serving as one of the three members of the county  
981 canvassing board, an alternate member may be present, observe,  
982 and communicate with the three members constituting the county

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983 canvassing board, but may not vote in the board's decisions or  
984 determinations.

985 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the  
986 county's election management system by 7 p.m. on the day before  
987 the election the results of all early voting and absentee  
988 ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the  
989 early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(9), 101.657, and  
990 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the results of such  
991 uploads may not be made public before the close of the polls on  
992 election day.

993 (b) The canvassing board shall report all early voting and  
994 all tabulated absentee results to the Department of State within  
995 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing  
996 board shall report, with the exception of provisional ballot  
997 results, updated precinct election results to the department at  
998 least every 45 minutes until all results are completely  
999 reported. The supervisor of elections shall notify the  
1000 department immediately of any circumstances that do not permit  
1001 periodic updates as required. Results shall be submitted in a  
1002 format prescribed by the department.

1003 Section 20. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
1004 103.101, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1005 103.101 Presidential preference primary.—

1006 (1) ~~(a)~~ Each political party other than a minor political  
1007 party shall, at the presidential preference primary, elect one  
1008 person to be the party's candidate for nomination for President  
1009 of the United States or select delegates to the party's national  
1010 nominating convention, as provided by party rule. The

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1011 presidential preference primary shall be held in each year the  
1012 number of which is a multiple of 4 on the first Tuesday that the  
1013 rules of the major political parties provide for state  
1014 delegations to be allocated without penalty. Any party rule  
1015 directing the vote of delegates at a national nominating  
1016 convention shall reasonably reflect the results of the  
1017 presidential preference primary, if one is held. There shall be  
1018 ~~a Presidential Preference Primary Date Selection Committee~~  
1019 ~~composed of the Secretary of State, who shall be a nonvoting~~  
1020 ~~chair; three members, no more than two of whom may be from the~~  
1021 ~~same political party, appointed by the Governor; three members,~~  
1022 ~~no more than two of whom may be from the same political party,~~  
1023 ~~appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and~~  
1024 ~~three members, no more than two of whom may be from the same~~  
1025 ~~political party, appointed by the President of the Senate. No~~  
1026 ~~later than October 1 of the year preceding the presidential~~  
1027 ~~preference primary, the committee shall meet and set a date for~~  
1028 ~~the presidential preference primary. The date selected may be no~~  
1029 ~~earlier than the first Tuesday in January and no later than the~~  
1030 ~~first Tuesday in March in the year of the presidential~~  
1031 ~~preference primary. The presidential preference primary shall be~~  
1032 ~~held in each year the number of which is a multiple of 4.~~

1033 ~~(b) Each political party other than a minor political party~~  
1034 ~~shall, on the date selected by the Presidential Preference~~  
1035 ~~Primary Date Selection Committee in each year the number of~~  
1036 ~~which is a multiple of 4, elect one person to be the candidate~~  
1037 ~~for nomination of such party for President of the United States~~  
1038 ~~or select delegates to the national nominating convention, as~~

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1039 ~~provided by party rule. Any party rule directing the vote of~~  
1040 ~~delegates at a national nominating convention shall reasonably~~  
1041 ~~reflect the results of the presidential preference primary, if~~  
1042 ~~one is held.~~

1043 (2) By November 30 ~~October 31~~ of the year preceding the  
1044 presidential preference primary, each political party shall  
1045 submit to the Secretary of State a list of its presidential  
1046 candidates to be placed on the presidential preference primary  
1047 ballot or candidates entitled to have delegates appear on the  
1048 presidential preference primary ballot. The Secretary of State  
1049 shall prepare and publish a list of the names of the  
1050 presidential candidates submitted not later than on the first  
1051 Tuesday after the first Monday in December ~~November~~ of the year  
1052 preceding the presidential preference primary. The Department of  
1053 State shall immediately notify each presidential candidate  
1054 listed by the Secretary of State. Such notification shall be in  
1055 writing, by registered mail, with return receipt requested.

1056 (3) A candidate's name shall be printed on the presidential  
1057 preference primary ballot unless the candidate submits to the  
1058 Department of State, prior to the second Tuesday after the first  
1059 Monday in December ~~November~~ of the year preceding the  
1060 presidential preference primary, an affidavit stating that he or  
1061 she is not now, and does not presently intend to become, a  
1062 candidate for President at the upcoming nominating convention.  
1063 If a candidate withdraws pursuant to this subsection, the  
1064 Department of State shall notify the state executive committee  
1065 that the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. The  
1066 Department of State shall, no later than the third Tuesday after

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1067 the first Monday in December ~~November~~ of the year preceding the  
1068 presidential preference primary, certify to each supervisor of  
1069 elections the name of each candidate for political party  
1070 nomination to be printed on the ballot.

1071 Section 21. Section 104.0616, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1072 to read:

1073 104.0616 Absentee ballots and voting; violations.—

1074 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "immediate  
1075 family" means a person's spouse or the parent, child,  
1076 grandparent, or sibling of the person or the person's spouse.

1077 (2) Any person who provides or offers to provide, and any  
1078 person who accepts, a pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for  
1079 distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or  
1080 otherwise physically possessing more than two absentee ballots  
1081 per election in addition to his or her own ballot or a ballot  
1082 belonging to an immediate family member, ~~with intent to alter,~~  
1083 ~~change, modify, or erase any vote on the absentee ballot,~~ except  
1084 as provided in ss. 101.6105-101.695, commits a misdemeanor of  
1085 the first ~~felony of the third~~ degree, punishable as provided in  
1086 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

1087 Section 22. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
1088 and effective retroactively to May 1, 2013, each committee of  
1089 continuous existence, as defined in s. 106.011, Florida  
1090 Statutes, and each reporting individual and procurement  
1091 employee, as defined in ss. 112.3148 and 112.3149, Florida  
1092 Statutes, is subject to and shall comply with ss. 112.3148 and  
1093 112.3149, Florida Statutes, with respect to gifts, honoraria,  
1094 and expenses related to honorarium events provided by a

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1095 committee of continuous existence. This section expires  
1096 September 30, 2013.

1097 (2) This section takes effect upon this act becoming a law.  
1098 Section 23. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1099 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
1100 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1,  
1101 2014.

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1104 Remove lines 1091-1213 of the amendment and insert:

1105 A bill to be entitled

1106 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.0555,  
1107 F.S.; revising qualifications for late voter  
1108 registration; creating s. 100.032, F.S.; requiring  
1109 each supervisor of elections to post a report on the  
1110 supervisor's official website at least 3 months before  
1111 a general election; specifying the content of the  
1112 report; amending s. 100.061, F.S.; decreasing the time  
1113 period between a primary election and a general  
1114 election; amending s. 101.045, F.S.; authorizing an  
1115 elector to vote at the polling place in the precinct  
1116 to which he or she has moved if such county uses an  
1117 electronic database as a precinct register; amending  
1118 s. 101.151, F.S.; authorizing the supervisor to  
1119 petition the United States Department of Justice for  
1120 authorization for the supervisor to print and deliver  
1121 single-language ballots; amending s. 101.161, F.S.;

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1123 providing a limitation on the number of words for  
1124 certain ballot summaries in joint resolutions proposed  
1125 by the Legislature; deleting a provision providing  
1126 that a ballot statement consisting of the full text of  
1127 a constitutional amendment or revision is presumed to  
1128 be a clear and unambiguous statement; amending s.  
1129 101.5605, F.S.; requiring a person to provide the  
1130 name, mailing address, and telephone number of a  
1131 registered agent of a voting systems vendor to the  
1132 Department of State under certain circumstances;  
1133 providing that proof of delivery or attempt to deliver  
1134 constitutes valid notice; creating s. 101.56065, F.S.;  
1135 providing definitions; requiring a vendor to file a  
1136 written disclosure with the department; providing  
1137 requirements for the disclosure; providing what  
1138 constitutes a cure of a defect; requiring a vendor to  
1139 file a new disclosure with the department if a vendor  
1140 becomes aware of a defect within a specified period;  
1141 authorizing the department to suspend all sales or  
1142 leases or use in an election of a defective voting  
1143 system; providing procedures for the suspension of  
1144 voting systems; authorizing the department to withdraw  
1145 approval of voting systems under certain  
1146 circumstances; authorizing the department to initiate  
1147 an investigation of a defective voting system;  
1148 establishing procedures and requirements of  
1149 investigations; providing a penalty; amending s.  
1150 101.56075, F.S.; revising the date that persons with

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1151 disabilities must vote with voter interface devices;  
1152 removing the requirement that all voting systems used  
1153 by voters in a state election allow placement of the  
1154 full text of a constitutional amendment or revision  
1155 containing stricken or underlined text by a specified  
1156 date; amending s. 101.591, F.S.; authorizing use of  
1157 automated, independent audits of voting systems;  
1158 providing audit requirements; requiring the Division  
1159 of Elections to adopt rules; amending s. 101.62, F.S.;  
1160 revising the requirements for a valid absentee ballot  
1161 request; requiring the supervisor to record the  
1162 absence of the voter's signature on the voter's  
1163 certificate under specified circumstances; prohibiting  
1164 the supervisor from providing an absentee ballot on  
1165 the day of an election under certain circumstances;  
1166 requiring a person who requests an absentee ballot to  
1167 complete an affidavit under certain circumstances;  
1168 amending s. 101.65, F.S.; revising the instructions to  
1169 absent electors; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; revising  
1170 the list of permissible sites available for early  
1171 voting; authorizing the supervisor to designate one  
1172 additional early voting site per election; providing  
1173 requirements; requiring each county to operate at  
1174 least the same number of early voting sites for a  
1175 general election as used for the 2012 general  
1176 election; revising the number of days and hours for  
1177 early voting; amending s. 101.67, F.S.; conforming a  
1178 provision to changes made by the act; amending s.

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1179 101.68, F.S., and reenacting subsection (2), relating  
1180 to the canvassing of absentee ballots; authorizing the  
1181 supervisor to use the elector's signature in a  
1182 precinct register to compare with the elector's  
1183 signature on the voter's certificate; requiring the  
1184 supervisor to provide the elector with the specific  
1185 reason his or her ballot was rejected; requiring the  
1186 supervisor to allow electors to complete an affidavit  
1187 to cure an unsigned absentee ballot before a specified  
1188 time; providing the form and contents of the  
1189 affidavit; providing instructions to accompany each  
1190 absentee ballot affidavit; requiring the affidavit,  
1191 instructions, and the supervisor's office mailing  
1192 address to be posted on certain websites; requiring  
1193 the supervisor to attach a received affidavit to the  
1194 appropriate absentee ballot mailing envelope; amending  
1195 s. 101.6923, F.S.; revising special absentee ballot  
1196 instructions; amending s. 101.6952, F.S.; providing  
1197 that absentee ballots received from overseas voters in  
1198 certain elections may be received up to 10 days after  
1199 the date of the election; amending s. 102.031, F.S.;  
1200 revising restrictions relating to the solicitation of  
1201 voters; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; revising methods of  
1202 selecting canvassing board members; requiring a  
1203 supervisor to upload certain canvassed election  
1204 results into a county's election management system  
1205 prior to the election; prohibiting public disclosure  
1206 of uploaded results before the close of the polls on

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1207 election day; amending s. 103.101, F.S.; providing for  
1208 the date of the Presidential Preference Primary;  
1209 abolishing the Presidential Preference Primary Date  
1210 Selection Committee; revising dates for the submission  
1211 and publication of information related to the  
1212 Presidential Preference Primary; amending s. 104.0616,  
1213 F.S.; providing a definition for the term "immediate  
1214 family"; prohibiting possession of more than two  
1215 absentee ballots under certain circumstances;  
1216 providing for criminal penalties; providing that each  
1217 committee of continuous existence, reporting  
1218 individual, and procurement employee is subject to ss.  
1219 112.3148 and 112.3149, F.S.; providing for retroactive  
1220 application; providing for expiration; providing  
1221 effective dates.