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26 shall place in the ballot box or ballot transfer container as
27 many ballots as are required in s. 101.21. After securely
28 sealing the ballot box or ballot transfer container, the
29 supervisor shall send the ballot box or ballot transfer
30 container to the clerk or inspector of election of the precinct
31 in which it is to be used. A law enforcement officer shall
32 transport the ballot box or ballot transfer container from the
33 supervisor to the precinct. The clerk or inspector shall be
34 placed under oath or affirmation to perform his or her duties
35 faithfully and without favor or prejudice to any political
36 party.

37 (2) A ballot box or ballot transfer container must be
38 under the supervision of a law enforcement officer at all times
39 during an election until such ballot box or ballot transfer
40 container has been transported to the supervisor.

41 Section 2. Section 102.071, Florida Statutes, is amended
42 to read:

43 102.071 Tabulation of votes and proclamation of results.—
44 The election board shall post at the polls, for the benefit of
45 the public, the results of the voting for each office or other
46 item on the ballot as the count is completed. Upon completion of
47 all counts in all races, a certificate of the results must ~~shall~~
48 be drawn up by the inspectors and clerk at each precinct upon a
49 form provided by the supervisor of elections which must ~~shall~~
50 contain the name of each person voted for, for each office, and

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51 the number of votes cast for each person for such office; and,
52 if any question is submitted, the certificate must ~~shall~~ also
53 contain the number of votes cast for and against the question.
54 The certificate must ~~shall~~ be signed by the inspectors and clerk
55 and must ~~shall~~ be delivered without delay by one of the
56 inspectors, securely sealed, to the supervisor for immediate
57 publication. All the ballot boxes, ballots, ballot stubs,
58 memoranda, and papers of all kinds used in the election must
59 ~~shall~~ also be transported ~~transmitted~~, after being sealed by the
60 inspectors, to the supervisor's office by a law enforcement
61 officer. Registration books and the poll lists may ~~shall~~ not be
62 placed in the ballot boxes but must ~~shall~~ be returned to the
63 supervisor.

64 Section 3. Section 102.101, Florida Statutes, is amended
65 to read:

66 102.101 Sheriff and other officers not allowed in polling
67 place.—Except as provided in ss. 101.24 and 102.071, a sheriff,
68 a deputy sheriff, a police officer, a special officer appointed
69 pursuant to s. 102.091, or any other officer of the law is not
70 allowed within a pollingplace without permission from the clerk
71 or a majority of the inspectors, except to cast his or her
72 ballot. Upon the failure of any such officer to comply with this
73 section, the clerk or the inspectors must make an affidavit
74 against the officer for his or her arrest.

75 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.