

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.012,  
3           F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to provide  
4           signature matching training to certain persons;  
5           amending s. 98.077, F.S.; revising deadlines for voter  
6           signature updates for purposes of vote-by-mail and  
7           provisional ballots; providing an exception; amending  
8           s. 98.0981, F.S.; revising the voter threshold  
9           necessary to require the reporting of certain  
10          precinct-level results by ballot; amending s. 99.061,  
11          F.S.; requiring a candidate to pay his or her  
12          qualification fee with a certified check; amending s.  
13          99.063, F.S.; removing a provision requiring certain  
14          language to follow the name of gubernatorial  
15          candidates in specified circumstances; amending  
16          100.061, F.S.; revising the date of the primary  
17          election; amending s. 101.015, F.S.; requiring the  
18          Department of State to establish minimum security  
19          standards to address chain of custody of ballots,  
20          transport of ballots, and ballot security; amending s.  
21          101.048, F.S.; requiring a county canvassing board to  
22          review certain information; providing requirements for  
23          the canvassing and counting of provisional ballots;  
24          requiring the supervisor to process a valid  
25          provisional ballot cure affidavit as a voter signature

26 | update; revising the form of the Provisional Ballot  
27 | Voter's Certificate and Affirmation; providing a  
28 | process to cure a provisional ballot with a signature  
29 | deficiency; requiring a supervisor to mail a voter  
30 | registration application to an elector in certain  
31 | circumstances; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; revising  
32 | requirements for department rules governing ballot  
33 | design; amending s. 101.20, F.S.; authorizing the  
34 | distribution of sample ballots by e-mail or mail in  
35 | lieu of newspaper publication; amending s. 101.5614,  
36 | F.S.; authorizing certain individuals to serve as  
37 | witnesses during the vote-by-mail duplicating process;  
38 | amending s. 101.62, F.S.; revising the deadlines by  
39 | which requests for vote-by-mail ballots must be  
40 | received and by which vote-by-mail ballots shall be  
41 | mailed by the supervisor; expanding the period during  
42 | which a designee may physically collect a vote-by-mail  
43 | ballot; amending s. 101.64, F.S.; requiring the  
44 | secrecy envelope included with vote-by-mail ballots to  
45 | include a specified statement; amending s. 101.65,  
46 | F.S.; revising requirements for vote-by-mail ballot  
47 | instructions; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; allowing a  
48 | supervisor to create two early voting sites per  
49 | election in certain areas; requiring a supervisor to  
50 | report the total amount of vote-by-mail ballots

51 received at each early voting location; amending  
52 101.68, F.S.; revising the date that canvassing of  
53 vote-by-mail ballots may begin; revising requirements  
54 related to the canvassing and counting of vote-by-mail  
55 ballots; revising the deadline by which vote-by-mail  
56 ballot cure affidavits must be submitted; requiring  
57 the supervisor to process a valid vote-by-mail ballot  
58 cure affidavit as a voter signature update; amending  
59 s. 101.69, F.S.; requiring a supervisor to provide  
60 secure drop boxes in specified locations for an  
61 elector to place his or her vote-by-mail ballot;  
62 amending s. 101.6923, F.S.; revising vote-by-mail  
63 ballot instructions for certain first-time voters;  
64 amending s. 102.031, F.S.; revising the size of  
65 certain areas in which voter solicitation is  
66 prohibited; authorizing an elector to photograph his  
67 or her own ballot; amending s. 102.141, F.S.;  
68 providing notice requirements for meetings of a county  
69 canvassing board; requiring certain individuals to  
70 wear identification badges during certain periods;  
71 amending s. 104.051, F.S.; providing a penalty for  
72 certain supervisors who willfully violate the Florida  
73 Election Code; providing an effective date.

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75 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section 97.012, Florida Statutes, to read:

97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.—The Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state, and it is his or her responsibility to:

(17) Provide formal signature matching training to supervisors of elections and county canvassing board members.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 98.077, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

98.077 Update of voter signature.—

(4) Except as authorized in ss. 101.048 and 101.68:

(a) All signature updates for use in verifying vote-by-mail and provisional ballots must be received by the appropriate supervisor before the elector's ballot is received by the supervisor or, in the case of provisional ballots, before the elector's ballot is cast ~~of elections no later than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots by the canvassing board.~~

(b) The signature on file at the time the vote-by-mail ballot is received or at the time the provisional ballot is cast ~~start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots~~ is the signature that shall be used in verifying the signature on the vote-by-mail and provisional ballot certificates, respectively.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101 98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter  
 102 registration system information; precinct-level election  
 103 results; book closing statistics.-

104 (2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.-

105 (a) Within 30 days after certification by the Elections  
 106 Canvassing Commission of a presidential preference primary  
 107 election, special election, primary election, or general  
 108 election, the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit  
 109 to the department precinct-level election results for the  
 110 election in a uniform electronic format specified by paragraph  
 111 (c). The precinct-level election results shall be compiled  
 112 separately for the primary or special primary election that  
 113 preceded the general or special general election, respectively.  
 114 The results shall specifically include for each precinct the  
 115 total of all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill  
 116 a national, state, county, or district office or proposed  
 117 constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and  
 118 ballot type, unless fewer than 30 ~~10~~ voters voted a ballot type.  
 119 "All ballots cast" means ballots cast by voters who cast a  
 120 ballot whether at a precinct location, by vote-by-mail ballot  
 121 including overseas vote-by-mail ballots, during the early voting  
 122 period, or by provisional ballot.

123 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
 124 99.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125 99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to

126 federal, state, county, or district office.—

127 (7) (a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the  
128 following items must be received by the filing officer by the  
129 end of the qualifying period:

130 1. A certified ~~properly executed~~ check drawn upon the  
131 candidate's campaign account payable to the person or entity as  
132 prescribed by the filing officer in an amount not less than the  
133 fee required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the  
134 required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s.  
135 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not  
136 required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a  
137 candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the  
138 filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the  
139 candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee  
140 with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign  
141 account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph  
142 shall disqualify the candidate.

143 2. The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must  
144 contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the  
145 ballot; the office sought, including the district or group  
146 number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which  
147 must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s.  
148 92.525(1) (a).

149 3. If the office sought is partisan, the written statement  
150 of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1) (b).

151 4. The completed form for the appointment of campaign  
152 treasurer and designation of campaign depository, as required by  
153 s. 106.021.

154 5. The full and public disclosure or statement of  
155 financial interests required by subsection (5). A public officer  
156 who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of  
157 financial interests with the Commission on Ethics or the  
158 supervisor ~~of elections~~ prior to qualifying for office may file  
159 a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

160 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 99.063, Florida  
161 Statutes, is amended to read:

162 99.063 Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.—

163 (4) In order to have the name of the candidate for  
164 Lieutenant Governor printed on the primary election ballot, a  
165 candidate for Governor participating in the primary must  
166 designate the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and the  
167 designated candidate must qualify no later than the end of the  
168 qualifying period specified in s. 99.061. ~~If the candidate for~~  
169 ~~Lieutenant Governor has not been designated and has not~~  
170 ~~qualified by the end of the qualifying period specified in s.~~  
171 ~~99.061, the phrase "Not Yet Designated" must be included in lieu~~  
172 ~~of the candidate's name on the primary election ballot.~~

173 Section 6. Section 100.061, Florida Statutes, is amended  
174 to read:

175 100.061 Primary election.—In each year in which a general

176 election is held, a primary election for nomination of  
177 candidates of political parties shall be held on the Tuesday 11  
178 ~~10~~ weeks prior to the general election. The candidate receiving  
179 the highest number of votes cast in each contest in the primary  
180 election shall be declared nominated for such office. If two or  
181 more candidates receive an equal and highest number of votes for  
182 the same office, such candidates shall draw lots to determine  
183 which candidate is nominated.

184 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 101.015, Florida  
185 Statutes, is amended to read:

186 101.015 Standards for voting systems.—

187 (4) (a) The Department of State shall adopt rules  
188 establishing minimum security standards for voting systems. The  
189 standards must, at a minimum, address the following:

190 1. Chain of custody of ballots, including a detailed  
191 description of procedures to create a complete written record of  
192 the chain of custody of ballots and paper outputs beginning with  
193 their receipt from a printer or manufacturer until such time as  
194 they are destroyed.

195 2. Transport of ballots, including a description of the  
196 method and equipment used and a detailed list of the names of  
197 all individuals involved in such transport.

198 3. Ballot security, including a requirement that all  
199 ballots be kept in a locked room in the supervisor's office, a  
200 facility controlled by the supervisor or county canvassing



201 board, or a public place in which the county canvassing board is  
 202 canvassing votes until needed for canvassing and returned  
 203 thereafter.

204 (b) 1. Each supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall establish written  
 205 procedures to assure accuracy and security in his or her county,  
 206 including procedures related to early voting pursuant to s.  
 207 101.657. Such procedures shall be reviewed in each odd-numbered  
 208 year by the department ~~of State~~.

209 2.(e) Each supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall submit any  
 210 revisions to the security procedures to the department ~~of State~~  
 211 at least 45 days before early voting commences pursuant to s.  
 212 101.657 in an election in which they are to take effect.

213 Section 8. Subsection (6) of section 101.048, Florida  
 214 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), subsections (2), (3),  
 215 and (5) and present subsection (6) are amended, and a new  
 216 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

217 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

218 (2) (a) The county canvassing board shall examine each  
 219 Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation to  
 220 determine if the person voting that ballot was entitled to vote  
 221 at the precinct where the person cast a vote in the election and  
 222 that the person had not already cast a ballot in the election.  
 223 In determining whether a person casting a provisional ballot is  
 224 entitled to vote, the county canvassing board shall review the  
 225 information provided in the Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,

226 written evidence provided by the person pursuant to subsection  
227 (1), information provided in any cure affidavit and accompanying  
228 supporting documentation pursuant to subsection (6), any other  
229 evidence presented by the supervisor ~~of elections,~~ and, in the  
230 case of a challenge, any evidence presented by the challenger. A  
231 ballot of a person casting a provisional ballot shall be  
232 canvassed pursuant to paragraph (b) ~~counted~~ unless the  
233 canvassing board determines by a preponderance of the evidence  
234 that the person was not entitled to vote.

235 (b)1. If it is determined that the person was registered  
236 and entitled to vote at the precinct where the person cast a  
237 vote in the election, the canvassing board shall compare the  
238 signature on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
239 Affirmation or the provisional ballot cure affidavit with the  
240 signature on the voter's registration or precinct register ~~and,~~  
241 ~~if it matches, shall count the ballot.~~ A provisional ballot  
242 shall be counted if:

243 a. The signature on the voter's certificate or the cure  
244 affidavit matches the elector's signature in the registration  
245 books or the precinct register; however, in the case of a cure  
246 affidavit, the supporting identification listed in subsection  
247 (6) must also confirm the identity of the elector; or

248 b. The cure affidavit contains a signature that does not  
249 match the elector's signature in the registration books or the  
250 precinct register, but the elector has submitted a current and

251 valid Tier 1 form of identification confirming his or her  
252 identity pursuant to subsection (6).

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254 For purposes of this paragraph, any canvassing board finding  
255 that an elector's signatures do not match must be by majority  
256 vote and beyond a reasonable doubt.

257       2. If it is determined that the person voting the  
258 provisional ballot was not registered or entitled to vote at the  
259 precinct where the person cast a vote in the election, the  
260 provisional ballot shall not be counted and the ballot shall  
261 remain in the envelope containing the Provisional Ballot Voter's  
262 Certificate and Affirmation and the envelope shall be marked  
263 "Rejected as Illegal."

264       (c) If a provisional ballot is validated following the  
265 submission of a cure affidavit, the supervisor shall make a copy  
266 of the affidavit, affix it to a voter registration application,  
267 and immediately process it as a valid request for a signature  
268 update pursuant to s. 98.077.

269       (3) The Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
270 Affirmation shall be in substantially the following form:

271 STATE OF FLORIDA

272 COUNTY OF ....

273       I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name is ....; that  
274 my date of birth is ....; that I am registered and qualified to  
275 vote in .... County, Florida; that I am registered in the ....

276 Party; that I am a qualified voter of the county; and that I  
 277 have not voted in this election. I understand that if I commit  
 278 any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot,  
 279 or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a  
 280 felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or  
 281 imprisoned for up to 5 years. Further, by providing my  
 282 information below, I authorize the use of e-mail, text message,  
 283 and telephone call for the limited purpose of signature and  
 284 ballot validation.

285 ... (Printed Name of Voter)...  
 286 ... (Signature of Voter)...  
 287 ... (Current Residence Address)...  
 288 ... (Current Mailing Address)...  
 289 ... (City, State, Zip Code)...  
 290 ... (Driver License Number or Last Four Digits of Social Security  
 291 Number)...  
 292 ... (E-Mail Address)...  
 293 ... (Home Telephone Number)...  
 294 ... (Mobile Telephone Number)...

295 Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of .....,  
 296 ... (year)....  
 297 ... (Election Official)...

298 Precinct # .... Ballot Style/Party Issued: ....

299 (5) Each person casting a provisional ballot shall be  
 300 given written instructions regarding the person's right to

301 provide the supervisor ~~of elections~~ with written evidence of his  
302 or her eligibility to vote and regarding the free access system  
303 established pursuant to subsection (7)~~(6)~~. The instructions must  
304 ~~shall~~ contain the supervisor's contact information along with  
305 information on how to access the system and the information the  
306 voter will need to provide to obtain information on his or her  
307 particular ballot. The instructions shall also include the  
308 following statement: "If this is a primary election, you should  
309 contact the supervisor of elections' office immediately to  
310 confirm that you are registered and can vote in the general  
311 election."

312 (6) (a) As soon as practicable, the supervisor shall, on  
313 behalf of the county canvassing board, attempt to notify an  
314 elector who has submitted a provisional ballot that does not  
315 include the elector's signature or contains a signature that  
316 does not match the elector's signature in the registration books  
317 or precinct register by:

318 1. Providing notice of the signature deficiency to the  
319 elector by e-mail and directing the elector to the cure  
320 affidavit and instructions on the supervisor's website;

321 2. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
322 text message and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
323 instructions on the supervisor's website; or

324 3. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
325 telephone and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and

326 instructions on the supervisor's website.

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328 In addition to the notification required in subparagraph 1.,  
329 subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., the supervisor must notify  
330 the elector of the signature deficiency by first-class mail and  
331 direct the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the  
332 supervisor's website. Beginning the day before the election, the  
333 supervisor is not required to provide notice of the signature  
334 deficiency by first-class mail, but shall continue to provide  
335 notice as required in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or  
336 subparagraph 3.

337 (b) Until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after an election, the  
338 supervisor shall allow an elector who has submitted a  
339 provisional ballot with a signature deficiency to complete and  
340 submit a cure affidavit.

341 (c) The elector must complete a cure affidavit in  
342 substantially the following form:

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344 PROVISIONAL BALLOT CURE AFFIDAVIT

345 I, ....., am a qualified voter in this election and a  
346 registered voter of .... County, Florida. I do solemnly swear or  
347 affirm that I voted a provisional ballot and that I have not and  
348 will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I  
349 understand that if I commit or attempt any fraud in connection  
350 with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more than once in

351 an election, I may be convicted of a felony of the third degree,  
352 fined up to \$5,000, and imprisoned for up to 5 years. I  
353 understand that my failure to sign this affidavit will  
354 invalidate my ballot.

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356 ...(Voter's Signature)...

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358 ...(Address)...

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360 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in  
361 substantially the following form:

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363 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
364 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
365 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

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367 1. In order to cure the missing signature or the signature  
368 discrepancy on your Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
369 Affirmation, your affidavit should be completed and returned as  
370 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
371 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
372 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

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

375 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of

376 identification:

377 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
378 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;  
379 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
380 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport; debit or  
381 credit card; military identification; student identification;  
382 retirement center identification; neighborhood association  
383 identification; public assistance identification; veteran health  
384 identification card issued by the United States Department of  
385 Veterans Affairs; Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or  
386 firearm; or employee identification card issued by any branch,  
387 department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the  
388 state, a county, or a municipality; or

389 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
390 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and  
391 current residence address: current utility bill; bank statement;  
392 government check; paycheck; or government document (excluding  
393 voter information card).

394 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
395 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
396 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
397 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
398 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
399 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
400 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your



401 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
402 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election or your  
403 ballot will not count.

404 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed  
405 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of  
406 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as  
407 attachments.

408 6. Submitting a provisional ballot affidavit does not  
409 establish your eligibility to vote in this election or guarantee  
410 that your ballot will be counted. The county canvassing board  
411 determines your eligibility to vote through information provided  
412 on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,  
413 written evidence provided by you, including information in your  
414 cure affidavit along with any supporting identification, and any  
415 other evidence presented by the supervisor of elections or a  
416 challenger. You may still be required to present additional  
417 written evidence to support your eligibility to vote.

418 (e) The department and each supervisor shall include the  
419 affidavit and instructions on their respective websites. The  
420 supervisor shall include his or her office mailing address, e-  
421 mail address, and fax number on the page containing the  
422 affidavit instructions, and the department's instruction page  
423 shall include the office mailing addresses, e-mail addresses,  
424 and fax numbers of all supervisors or provide a conspicuous link  
425 to such addresses.

426 (f) The supervisor shall attach each affidavit received to  
 427 the appropriate provisional ballot envelope containing the  
 428 Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation.

429 (7) (a) ~~(6)~~ Each supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall establish a  
 430 free access system that allows each person who casts a  
 431 provisional ballot to determine whether his or her provisional  
 432 ballot was counted in the final canvass of votes and, if not,  
 433 the reasons why. Information regarding provisional ballots shall  
 434 be available no later than 30 days following the election. The  
 435 system established must restrict information regarding an  
 436 individual ballot to the person who cast the ballot.

437 (b) Unless processed as a signature update pursuant to  
 438 subsection (2), the supervisor shall mail a voter registration  
 439 application to the elector to be completed indicating the  
 440 elector's current signature if the signature on the voter's  
 441 certificate or cure affidavit did not match the elector's  
 442 signature in the registration books or precinct register.

443 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
 444 (9) of section 101.151, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

445 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

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447 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a  
 448 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual marksense  
 449 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible electors  
 450 ~~pursuant to s. 101.657.~~ Ballot-on-demand technology may be used

451 to produce marksense vote-by-mail and election-day ballots.

452 (9) (a) The Department of State shall adopt rules  
453 prescribing a uniform primary and general election ballot for  
454 each certified voting system. The rules shall incorporate the  
455 requirements set forth in this section and shall prescribe  
456 additional matters and forms that include, without limitation:

457 1. The ballot title followed by clear and unambiguous  
458 ballot instructions and directions limited to a single location  
459 on the ballot, either:

460 a. Centered across the top of the ballot; or

461 b. In the leftmost column, with no individual races in  
462 that column unless it is the only column on the ballot;

463 2. Individual race layout; ~~and~~

464 3. Overall ballot layout; ~~and~~.

465 4. Oval vote targets as the only permissible type of vote  
466 target.

467 (b) The ~~department~~ rules must ~~shall~~ graphically depict a  
468 sample uniform primary and general election ballot form for each  
469 certified voting system.

470 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 101.20, Florida  
471 Statutes, is amended to read:

472 101.20 Publication of ballot form; sample ballots.—

473 (2) (a) Upon completion of the list of qualified  
474 candidates, a sample ballot shall be published by the supervisor  
475 ~~of elections~~ in a newspaper of general circulation in the

476 county, before the day of election.

477 (b) In lieu of the publication required under paragraph  
 478 (a), a supervisor may send a sample ballot to each registered  
 479 elector by e-mail at least 7 days before an election if an e-  
 480 mail address has been provided and the elector has opted to  
 481 receive a sample ballot by electronic delivery. If an e-mail  
 482 address has not been provided, or if the elector has not opted  
 483 for electronic delivery, a sample ballot may be mailed to each  
 484 registered elector or to each household in which there is a  
 485 registered elector at least 7 days before an election.

486 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
 487 101.5614, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

488 101.5614 Canvass of returns.—

489 (4) (a) If any vote-by-mail ballot is physically damaged so  
 490 that it cannot properly be counted by the automatic tabulating  
 491 equipment, a true duplicate copy shall be made of the damaged  
 492 ballot in the presence of witnesses and substituted for the  
 493 damaged ballot. Likewise, a duplicate ballot shall be made of a  
 494 vote-by-mail ballot containing an overvoted race or a marked  
 495 vote-by-mail ballot in which every race is undervoted which  
 496 shall include all valid votes as determined by the canvassing  
 497 board based on rules adopted by the division pursuant to s.  
 498 102.166(4). Upon request, a physically present candidate,  
 499 political party official, political committee official, or an  
 500 authorized designee thereof, must be allowed to observe the

501 duplication of ballots. All duplicate ballots shall be clearly  
 502 labeled "duplicate," bear a serial number which shall be  
 503 recorded on the defective ballot, and be counted in lieu of the  
 504 defective ballot. After a ballot has been duplicated, the  
 505 defective ballot shall be placed in an envelope provided for  
 506 that purpose, and the duplicate ballot shall be tallied with the  
 507 other ballots for that precinct.

508 Section 12. Subsection (2) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of  
 509 subsection (4) of section 101.62, Florida Statutes, are amended  
 510 to read:

511 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.-

512 (2) A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a  
 513 voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th ~~sixth~~  
 514 day before the election by the supervisor ~~of elections~~. The  
 515 supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall mail vote-by-mail ballots to  
 516 voters requesting ballots by such deadline no later than 8 4  
 517 days before the election.

518 (4)

519 (b) The supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall mail a vote-by-mail  
 520 ballot to each absent qualified voter, other than those listed  
 521 in paragraph (a), who has requested such a ballot, between the  
 522 40th ~~35th~~ and 28th days before the presidential preference  
 523 primary election, primary election, and general election. Except  
 524 as otherwise provided in subsection (2) and after the period  
 525 described in this paragraph, the supervisor shall mail vote-by-

526 mail ballots within 2 business days after receiving a request  
527 for such a ballot.

528 (c) The supervisor shall provide a vote-by-mail ballot to  
529 each elector by whom a request for that ballot has been made by  
530 one of the following means:

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

534 2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine  
535 transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas  
536 voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
537 may designate in the vote-by-mail ballot request the preferred  
538 method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the  
539 method of transmission, the vote-by-mail ballot shall be mailed.

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

543 4. By delivery to a designee on election day or up to 9 ~~5~~  
544 days prior to the day of an election. Any elector may designate  
545 in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the elector;  
546 however, the person designated may not pick up more than two  
547 vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than the designee's own  
548 ballot, except that additional ballots may be picked up for  
549 members of the designee's immediate family. For purposes of this  
550 section, "immediate family" means the designee's spouse or the

551 parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the designee or of the  
552 designee's spouse. The designee shall provide to the supervisor  
553 the written authorization by the elector and a picture  
554 identification of the designee and must complete an affidavit.  
555 The designee shall state in the affidavit that the designee is  
556 authorized by the elector to pick up that ballot and shall  
557 indicate if the elector is a member of the designee's immediate  
558 family and, if so, the relationship. The department shall  
559 prescribe the form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is  
560 satisfied that the designee is authorized to pick up the ballot  
561 and that the signature of the elector on the written  
562 authorization matches the signature of the elector on file, the  
563 supervisor shall give the ballot to that designee for delivery  
564 to the elector.

565         5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may  
566 not deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to an elector or an elector's  
567 immediate family member on the day of the election unless there  
568 is an emergency, to the extent that the elector will be unable  
569 to go to his or her assigned polling place. If a vote-by-mail  
570 ballot is delivered, the elector or his or her designee shall  
571 execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which allow for  
572 delivery of the vote-by-mail ballot. The department shall adopt  
573 a rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

574         Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 101.64, Florida  
575 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that

576 section, to read:

577 101.64 Delivery of vote-by-mail ballots; envelopes; form.—

578 (1) The supervisor shall enclose with each vote-by-mail  
 579 ballot two envelopes: a secrecy envelope, into which the absent  
 580 elector shall enclose his or her marked ballot; and a mailing  
 581 envelope, into which the absent elector shall then place the  
 582 secrecy envelope, which shall be addressed to the supervisor and  
 583 also bear on the back side a certificate in substantially the  
 584 following form:

585 Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before  
 586 Marking Ballot and Completing Voter's Certificate.

587 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

588 I, ....., do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified  
 589 and registered voter of .... County, Florida, and that I have  
 590 not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I  
 591 understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in  
 592 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
 593 than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the  
 594 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to  
 595 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate  
 596 will invalidate my ballot.

597 ... (Date) ... (Voter's Signature) ...

598 ... (E-Mail Address) ... ... (Home Telephone Number) ...

599 ... (Mobile Telephone Number) ...

600 (5) The secrecy envelope must include, in bold font,



601 substantially the following message:

602

603 IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT TO COUNT, YOUR SUPERVISOR

604 OF ELECTIONS MUST RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT BY 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

605 IF YOU WAIT TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT YOUR VOTE MIGHT NOT COUNT. TO

606 PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING, PLEASE MAIL OR TURN IN YOUR BALLOT

607 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

608 Section 14. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended  
609 to read:

610 101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor  
611 shall enclose with each vote-by-mail ballot separate printed  
612 instructions in substantially the following form; however, where  
613 the instructions appear in capitalized text, the text of the  
614 printed instructions must be in bold font:

615 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

616 BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

617 1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your vote-by-  
618 mail ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned  
619 as soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
620 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
621 later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. However, if you  
622 are an overseas voter casting a ballot in a presidential  
623 preference primary or general election, your vote-by-mail ballot  
624 must be postmarked or dated no later than the date of the  
625 election and received by the supervisor of elections of the

626 county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days  
627 after the date of the election. Note that the later you return  
628 your ballot, the less time you will have to cure any signature  
629 deficiencies, which is authorized until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day  
630 after the election.

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

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

638 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
639 envelope.

640 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing  
641 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

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

644 7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your vote-by-mail ballot  
645 to be counted, you must sign your name on the line above  
646 (Voter's Signature). A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered  
647 illegal and not be counted if the signature on the voter's  
648 certificate does not match the signature on record. The  
649 signature on file at the time the supervisor of elections in the  
650 county in which your precinct is located receives your vote-by-

651 mail ballot ~~start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots~~ is  
652 the signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
653 voter's certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
654 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
655 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
656 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received ~~no~~  
657 ~~later than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots,~~  
658 ~~which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before election day.~~

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

662 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
663 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed. THE  
664 COMPLETED MAILING ENVELOPE CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
665 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH YOUR PRECINCT IS  
666 LOCATED OR DROPPED OFF AT AN AUTHORIZED SECURE DROP BOX,  
667 AVAILABLE AT EACH EARLY VOTING LOCATION.

668 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
669 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
670 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
671 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
672 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

673 Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection  
674 (2) of section 101.657, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

675 101.657 Early voting.—

676 (1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor ~~of~~  
677 ~~elections~~ shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or  
678 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,  
679 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for  
680 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used  
681 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the  
682 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for  
683 at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also  
684 designate any city hall, permanent public library facility,  
685 fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission  
686 building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior  
687 center, or government-owned community center as early voting  
688 sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be  
689 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county  
690 an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
691 practicable. In addition, a supervisor may designate two ~~one~~  
692 early voting sites ~~site~~ per election in an area of the county  
693 that does not have any of the eligible early voting locations.  
694 Such additional early voting sites ~~site~~ must be geographically  
695 located so as to provide all voters in those areas ~~that area~~  
696 with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
697 practicable. Each county shall, at a minimum, operate the same  
698 total number of early voting sites for a general election which  
699 the county operated for the 2012 general election. The results  
700 or tabulation of votes cast during early voting may not be made

701 before the close of the polls on election day. Results shall be  
702 reported by precinct.

703 (2) During any early voting period, each supervisor ~~of~~  
704 ~~elections~~ shall make available the total number of voters  
705 casting a ballot at each early voting location and the total  
706 number of vote-by-mail ballots received under s. 101.69(2)  
707 during the previous day. Each supervisor shall prepare an  
708 electronic data file listing the individual voters who cast a  
709 ballot during the early voting period. This information shall be  
710 provided in electronic format as provided by rule adopted by the  
711 division. The information shall be updated and made available no  
712 later than noon of each day and shall be contemporaneously  
713 provided to the division.

714 Section 16. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2) and  
715 subsection (4) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, are amended  
716 to read:

717 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

718 (2) (a) The county canvassing board may begin the  
719 canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots at 7 a.m. on the 22nd ~~15th~~  
720 day before the election, but not later than noon on the day  
721 following the election. In addition, for any county using  
722 electronic tabulating equipment, the processing of vote-by-mail  
723 ballots through such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on  
724 the 22nd ~~15th~~ day before the election. However, notwithstanding  
725 any such authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise

726 processing vote-by-mail ballots early, no result shall be  
727 released until after the closing of the polls in that county on  
728 election day. Any supervisor ~~of elections~~, deputy supervisor ~~of~~  
729 ~~elections~~, canvassing board member, election board member, or  
730 election employee who releases the results of a canvassing or  
731 processing of vote-by-mail ballots prior to the closing of the  
732 polls in that county on election day commits a felony of the  
733 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
734 or s. 775.084.

735 (c)1. The canvassing board must, if the supervisor has not  
736 already done so, compare the signature of the elector on the  
737 voter's certificate or on the vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit  
738 as provided in subsection (4) with the signature of the elector  
739 in the registration books or the precinct register to see that  
740 the elector is duly registered in the county and to determine  
741 the legality of that vote-by-mail ballot. A vote-by-mail ballot  
742 may only be counted if:

743 a. The signature on the voter's certificate or the cure  
744 affidavit matches the elector's signature in the registration  
745 books or precinct register; however, in the case of a cure  
746 affidavit, the supporting identification listed in subsection  
747 (4) must also confirm the identity of the elector; or

748 b. The cure affidavit contains a signature that does not  
749 match the elector's signature in the registration books or  
750 precinct register, but the elector has submitted a current and

751 valid Tier 1 identification pursuant to subsection (4) which  
752 confirms the identity of the elector.

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754 For purposes of this paragraph, any canvassing board finding  
755 that an elector's signatures do not match must be by majority  
756 vote and beyond a reasonable doubt.

757 2. The ballot of an elector who casts a vote-by-mail  
758 ballot shall be counted even if the elector dies on or before  
759 election day, as long as, before the death of the voter, the  
760 ballot was postmarked by the United States Postal Service, date-  
761 stamped with a verifiable tracking number by a common carrier,  
762 or already in the possession of the supervisor ~~of elections~~.

763 3. A vote-by-mail ballot is not considered illegal if the  
764 signature of the elector does not cross the seal of the mailing  
765 envelope.

766 4. If any elector or candidate present believes that a  
767 vote-by-mail ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the  
768 voter's certificate or the cure affidavit, he or she may, at any  
769 time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with  
770 the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that  
771 ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he  
772 or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon  
773 a defect in the voter's certificate or cure affidavit may not be  
774 accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing  
775 envelope.

776           5. If the canvassing board determines that a ballot is  
777 illegal, a member of the board must, without opening the  
778 envelope, mark across the face of the envelope: "rejected as  
779 illegal." The cure affidavit, if applicable, the envelope, and  
780 the ballot therein shall be preserved in the manner that  
781 official ballots are preserved.

782           (4) (a) As soon as practicable, the supervisor shall, on  
783 behalf of the county canvassing board, attempt to ~~immediately~~  
784 notify an elector who has returned a vote-by-mail ballot that  
785 does not include the elector's signature or contains a signature  
786 that does not match the elector's signature in the registration  
787 books or precinct register by:-

788           1. Providing notice of the signature deficiency to the  
789 elector by e-mail and directing the elector to the cure  
790 affidavit and instructions on the supervisor's website;

791           2. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
792 text message and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
793 instructions on the supervisor's website; or

794           3. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
795 telephone and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
796 instructions on the supervisor's website.

797  
798 In addition to the notification required in subparagraph 1.,  
799 subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., the supervisor must notify  
800 the elector of the signature deficiency by first-class mail and



801 direct the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the  
 802 supervisor's website. Beginning the day before the election, the  
 803 supervisor is not required to provide notice of the signature  
 804 deficiency by first-class mail, but shall continue to provide  
 805 notice as required in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or  
 806 subparagraph 3.

807 (b) The supervisor shall allow such an elector to complete  
 808 and submit an affidavit in order to cure the vote-by-mail ballot  
 809 until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after ~~before~~ the election.

810 (c) ~~(b)~~ The elector must complete a cure affidavit in  
 811 substantially the following form:

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT CURE AFFIDAVIT

813 I, ....., am a qualified voter in this election and  
 814 registered voter of .... County, Florida. I do solemnly swear or  
 815 affirm that I requested and returned the vote-by-mail ballot and  
 816 that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this  
 817 election. I understand that if I commit or attempt any fraud in  
 818 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
 819 than once in an election, I may be convicted of a felony of the  
 820 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and imprisoned for up to 5  
 821 years. I understand that my failure to sign this affidavit means  
 822 that my vote-by-mail ballot will be invalidated.

823 ... (Voter's Signature) ...

824 ... (Address) ...

825 (d) ~~(e)~~ Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in

826 | substantially the following form:

827 |         READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
 828 | AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
 829 | BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

830 |         1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will  
 831 | be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as  
 832 | soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
 833 | elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
 834 | later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after ~~before~~ the election.

835 |         2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
 836 | Signature).

837 |         3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
 838 | identification:

839 |         a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
 840 | that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;  
 841 | Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
 842 | Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport; debit or  
 843 | credit card; military identification; student identification;  
 844 | retirement center identification; neighborhood association  
 845 | identification; public assistance identification; veteran health  
 846 | identification card issued by the United States Department of  
 847 | Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon  
 848 | or firearm; or an employee identification card issued by any  
 849 | branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
 850 | the state, a county, or a municipality; or

851 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
852 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and  
853 current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
854 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
855 voter information ~~identification~~ card).

856 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
857 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
858 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
859 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
860 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
861 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
862 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your  
863 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
864 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your  
865 ballot will not count.

866 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed  
867 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of  
868 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as  
869 attachments.

870 (e) ~~(d)~~ The department and each supervisor shall include  
871 the affidavit and instructions on their respective websites. The  
872 supervisor must include his or her office's mailing address, e-  
873 mail address, and fax number on the page containing the  
874 affidavit instructions, and ~~the~~ department's instruction page  
875 must include the office mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and

876 fax numbers of all supervisors of elections or provide a  
877 conspicuous link to such addresses.

878 ~~(f)-(e)~~ The supervisor shall attach each affidavit received  
879 to the appropriate vote-by-mail ballot mailing envelope.

880 (g)-(f) If a vote-by-mail ballot is validated following the  
881 submission of a cure affidavit, the supervisor shall make a copy  
882 of the affidavit, affix it to a voter registration application,  
883 and immediately process it as a valid request for a signature  
884 update pursuant to s. 98.077.

885 (h) After all election results on the ballot have been  
886 certified, the supervisor shall, on behalf of the county  
887 canvassing board, notify each elector whose ballot has been  
888 rejected as illegal and provide the specific reason the ballot  
889 was rejected. In addition, unless processed as a signature  
890 update pursuant to paragraph (h), the supervisor shall mail a  
891 voter registration application to the elector to be completed  
892 indicating the elector's current signature if the signature on  
893 the voter's certificate or cure affidavit did not match the  
894 elector's signature in the registration books or precinct  
895 register. ~~This section does not prohibit the supervisor from~~  
896 ~~providing additional methods for updating an elector's~~  
897 ~~signature.~~

898 Section 17. Section 101.69, Florida Statutes, is amended  
899 to read:

900 101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—

901        (1) The provisions of this code shall not be construed to  
902 prohibit any elector from voting in person at the elector's  
903 precinct on the day of an election or at an early voting site,  
904 notwithstanding that the elector has requested a vote-by-mail  
905 ballot for that election. An elector who has returned a voted  
906 vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor, however, is deemed to  
907 have cast his or her ballot and is not entitled to vote another  
908 ballot or to have a provisional ballot counted by the county  
909 canvassing board. An elector who has received a vote-by-mail  
910 ballot and has not returned the voted ballot to the supervisor,  
911 but desires to vote in person, shall return the ballot, whether  
912 voted or not, to the election board in the elector's precinct or  
913 to an early voting site. The returned ballot shall be marked  
914 "canceled" by the board and placed with other canceled ballots.  
915 However, if the elector does not return the ballot and the  
916 election official:

917        (a)~~(1)~~ Confirms that the supervisor has received the  
918 elector's vote-by-mail ballot, the elector shall not be allowed  
919 to vote in person. If the elector maintains that he or she has  
920 not returned the vote-by-mail ballot or remains eligible to  
921 vote, the elector shall be provided a provisional ballot as  
922 provided in s. 101.048.

923        (b)~~(2)~~ Confirms that the supervisor has not received the  
924 elector's vote-by-mail ballot, the elector shall be allowed to  
925 vote in person as provided in this code. The elector's vote-by-

926 mail ballot, if subsequently received, shall not be counted and  
 927 shall remain in the mailing envelope, and the envelope shall be  
 928 marked "Rejected as Illegal."

929 (c)~~(3)~~ Cannot determine whether the supervisor has  
 930 received the elector's vote-by-mail ballot, the elector may vote  
 931 a provisional ballot as provided in s. 101.048.

932 (2) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has received  
 933 a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted vote-by-mail  
 934 ballot to the supervisor by placing the envelope containing his  
 935 or her marked ballot in a secure drop box. Secure drop boxes  
 936 shall only be placed at the main office of the supervisor, at  
 937 each branch office of the supervisor, and at each early voting  
 938 site.

939 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida  
 940 Statutes, is amended to read:

941 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
 942 certain first-time voters.—

943 (2) A voter covered by this section shall be provided with  
 944 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in  
 945 substantially the following form:

946 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.  
 947 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT  
 948 TO COUNT.

949 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will  
 950 be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as

951 possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the  
952 county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on  
953 the date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
954 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
955 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
956 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
957 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
958 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
959 election.

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

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

967       4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
968 envelope and seal the envelope.

969       5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
970 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
971 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
972 envelope.

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

975           b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date

976 | you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
 977 | your ballot may not be counted.

978 |       c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
 979 | will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
 980 | does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
 981 | the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
 982 | signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
 983 | Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
 984 | this election, send your signature update on a voter  
 985 | registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
 986 | it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received ~~no~~  
 987 | ~~later than the start of canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots,~~  
 988 | ~~which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before election day.~~

989 |       6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
 990 | must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
 991 | identification:

992 |       a. Identification which must include your name and  
 993 | photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
 994 | military identification; student identification; retirement  
 995 | center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
 996 | public assistance identification; veteran health identification  
 997 | card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;  
 998 | a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an  
 999 | employee identification card issued by any branch, department,  
 1000 | agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a



1001 county, or a municipality; or  
 1002       b. Identification which shows your name and current  
 1003 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
 1004 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
 1005 voter information ~~identification~~ card).  
 1006       7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
 1007 if you meet one of the following requirements:  
 1008       a. You are 65 years of age or older.  
 1009       b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.  
 1010       c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
 1011 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
 1012 county on election day.  
 1013       d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
 1014 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
 1015 county on election day.  
 1016       e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
 1017 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
 1018 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
 1019 election day.  
 1020       f. You are currently residing outside the United States.  
 1021       8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
 1022 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
 1023 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
 1024 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
 1025 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR

1026 | BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1027 |         9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
1028 | envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

1029 |         10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
1030 | accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
1031 | for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
1032 | in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
1033 | any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1034 |         Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
1035 | (5) of section 102.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1036 |         102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;  
1037 | persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas;  
1038 | unlawful solicitation of voters.—

1039 |         (4) (a) No person, political committee, or other group or  
1040 | organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or  
1041 | within 150 ~~100~~ feet of the entrance to any polling place, a  
1042 | polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an  
1043 | early voting site, or an office of the supervisor ~~of elections~~  
1044 | where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand  
1045 | for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request  
1046 | them. Before the opening of the polling place or early voting  
1047 | site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-  
1048 | solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.

1049 |         (5) No photography is permitted in the polling room or  
1050 | early voting area, except an elector may photograph his or her

1051 own ballot.

1052 Section 20. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 102.141,  
1053 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10) and (11),  
1054 respectively, subsection (2) is amended, and a new subsection  
1055 (9) is added to that section, to read:

1056 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1057 (2) (a) The county canvassing board shall meet in a  
1058 building accessible to the public in the county where the  
1059 election occurred at a time and place to be designated by the  
1060 supervisor ~~of elections~~ to publicly canvass the absent electors'  
1061 ballots as provided for in s. 101.68 and provisional ballots as  
1062 provided by ss. 101.048, 101.049, and 101.6925. Provisional  
1063 ballots cast pursuant to s. 101.049 shall be canvassed in a  
1064 manner that votes for candidates and issues on those ballots can  
1065 be segregated from other votes. ~~Public notice of the time and~~  
1066 ~~place at which the county canvassing board shall meet to canvass~~  
1067 ~~the absent electors' ballots and provisional ballots shall be~~  
1068 ~~given at least 48 hours prior thereto by publication on the~~  
1069 ~~supervisor of elections' website and once in one or more~~  
1070 ~~newspapers of general circulation in the county or, if there is~~  
1071 ~~no newspaper of general circulation in the county, by posting~~  
1072 ~~such notice in at least four conspicuous places in the county.~~  
1073 As soon as the absent electors' ballots and the provisional  
1074 ballots are canvassed, the board shall proceed to publicly  
1075 canvass the vote given each candidate, nominee, constitutional

1076 amendment, or other measure submitted to the electorate of the  
1077 county, as shown by the returns then on file in the office of  
1078 the supervisor ~~of elections~~.

1079 (b) Public notice of the time and place at which the  
1080 county canvassing board shall meet to canvass the absent  
1081 electors' ballots and provisional ballots must be given at least  
1082 48 hours prior thereto by publication on the supervisor's  
1083 website and published in one or more newspapers of general  
1084 circulation in the county or, if there is no newspaper of  
1085 general circulation in the county, by posting such notice in at  
1086 least four conspicuous places in the county. The time given in  
1087 the notice as to the convening of the meeting of the county  
1088 canvassing board must be specific and may not be a time period  
1089 during which the board may meet.

1090 (c) If the county canvassing board suspends or recesses a  
1091 meeting publicly noticed pursuant to paragraph (b) for a period  
1092 lasting in excess of 60 minutes, the board must post on the  
1093 supervisor's website the anticipated time that the board expects  
1094 to reconvene. If the county canvassing board does not reconvene  
1095 at the specified time, the board must provide at least 2 hours'  
1096 notice, which must posted on the supervisor's website, before  
1097 reconvening.

1098 (d) During any meeting of the county canvassing board, a  
1099 physical notice must be placed in a conspicuous area near the  
1100 public entrance to the building in which the meeting is taking

1101 place. The physical notice must include the names of the  
1102 individuals officially serving as the county canvassing board,  
1103 the names of any alternate members, the time of the meeting, and  
1104 a brief statement as to the anticipated activities of the county  
1105 canvassing board.

1106 (9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate member  
1107 of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must wear  
1108 identification badges during any period in which the county  
1109 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other  
1110 official duties. The identification badges should be worn in a  
1111 conspicuous, unobstructed area and include the name of the  
1112 individual and his or her official position.

1113 Section 21. Subsection (5) is added to section 104.051,  
1114 Florida Statutes, to read:

1115 104.051 Violations; neglect of duty; corrupt practices.—

1116 (5) Any supervisor who willfully violates any provision of  
1117 the Florida Election Code is, upon a finding of such a violation  
1118 by a court of competent jurisdiction, prohibited from receiving  
1119 the special qualification salary pursuant to s. 145.09(3) for a  
1120 period of 24 months, dating from the time of the violation.

1121 Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.