Tab 2	SB 276 by Hutson; (Identical to H 00085) Voter Registration List Maintenance
Tab 3	SB 278 by Hutson; (Similar to H 00087) Public Records/Department of State

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

ETHICS AND ELECTIONS Senator Perry, Chair Senator Brandes, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

TIME: 2:00—4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Brandes, Vice Chair; Senators Braynon, Hutson, Lee, Passidomo,

Rodriguez, and Torres

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation: The Honorable Ken Detzner Secretary of State Florida Department of State Maria Matthews, Esq. Director, Division of Elections Florida Department of State		Presented
2	SB 276 Hutson (Identical H 85, Compare H 87, Linked S 278)	Voter Registration List Maintenance; Authorizing the Department of State to enter into certain interstate agreements or to become a member of a nongovernmental entity to verify voter registration information; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide specified information to the Department of State, etc. EE 11/07/2017 Favorable AP RC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
3	SB 278 Hutson (Similar H 87, Compare H 85, Linked S 276)	Public Records/Department of State; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information received by the Department of State from another state which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. EE 11/07/2017 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0



Online Voter Registration



Secretary of State Ken Detzner Maria Matthews, Esq., Director Division of Elections

Presentation for Florida Legislature



Background

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION IN FLORIDA

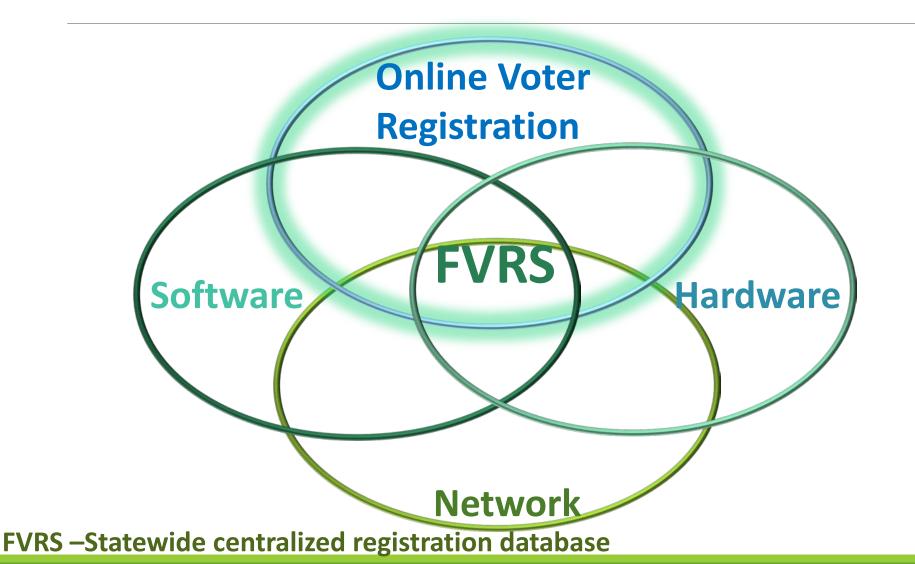
Legislation (ch. 2015, Laws of Florida)

- Effective July 2015
- Codified in section 97.0525, Fla. Stat.
- Scope secure Internet website for online voter registration (new and updates)
- \$1.8M nonrecurring (Federal Grants Trust Fund) FY 15-16
- Progress Report to Legislature January 2016
- Implementation October 1, 2017

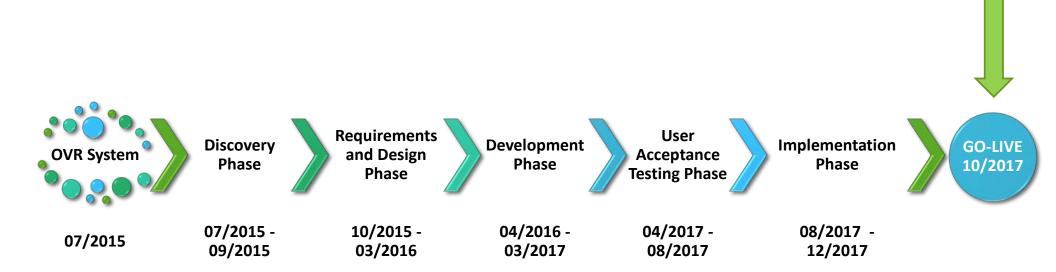
Key Participants

- Florida Department of State
- 67 County Supervisors of Elections
 - OVR Implementation Focus Workgroup
- Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

System Environment



Project Timeline



Core Requirements

- ✓ Secured internet website
- ✓ Online submission and paper print options
- Eligibility requirements
- ✓ Online verification
- ✓ Immediate electronic confirmation
- ✓ Unique identifier
- ✓ Compliance with accessibility standards
- ✓ Risk assessment

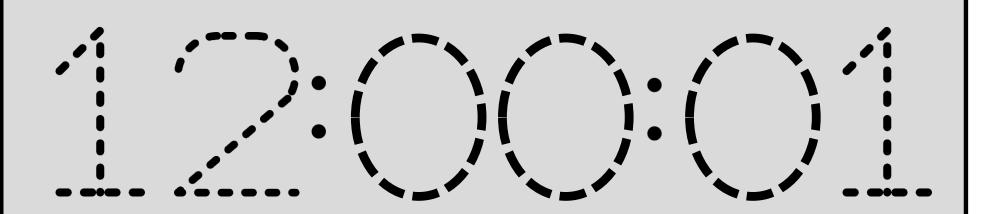
Personnel, Hours and Cost



^{*} does not include direct and indirect FTE hours

Implementation

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION IN FLORIDA



Sunday, October 1, 2017

Landing Page



Welcome!

Versión en Español

Am I Already Registered?

Register or Update

This system can be used to submit an application online for new registration or to make changes to your existing registration record or to prefill a voter registration application form.

To submit an online application, you will need:

. Your Florida driver license (Florida DL) or Florida identification card (Florida ID card) issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles.

To protect your identity, you will also need:

- The issued date of your Florida DL or Florida ID card; and
- . The last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN4).

Note: If you do not have any one or all of the information above, you may still use the online system to prefill a voter registration application form. However, you will have to print, sign, and then mail or deliver your completed voter registration application to your county Supervisor of Elections' office.

You should not use this system to register or update your voter registration information if you are a participant with the Florida Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program (See sections 741-401.-741.409, and 741.465, Florida Statutes). Contact your county Supervisor of Elections to register.

To be eligible to register to vote you must:

- . Be a citizen of the United States of America:
- · Be a legal resident of Florida;
- . Be a legal resident of the county in which you seek to be registered;
- . Be at least 16 years old to preregister or at least 18 years old to register and vote;
- Not be a person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state without having the right to vote restored; and,
- · Not be a person who has been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored.

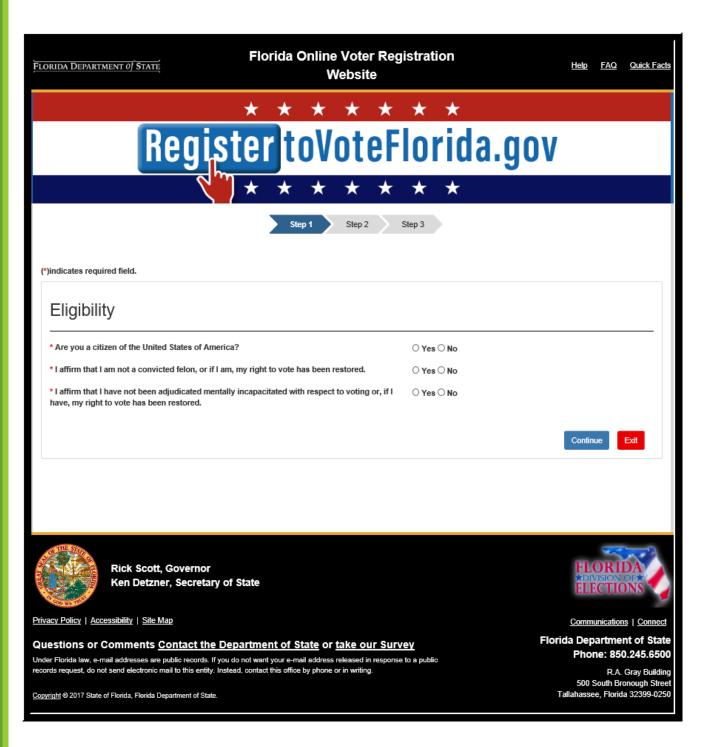
Notice: It is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Maximum penalties are \$5,000 and/or 5 years in prison.

Registration deadline

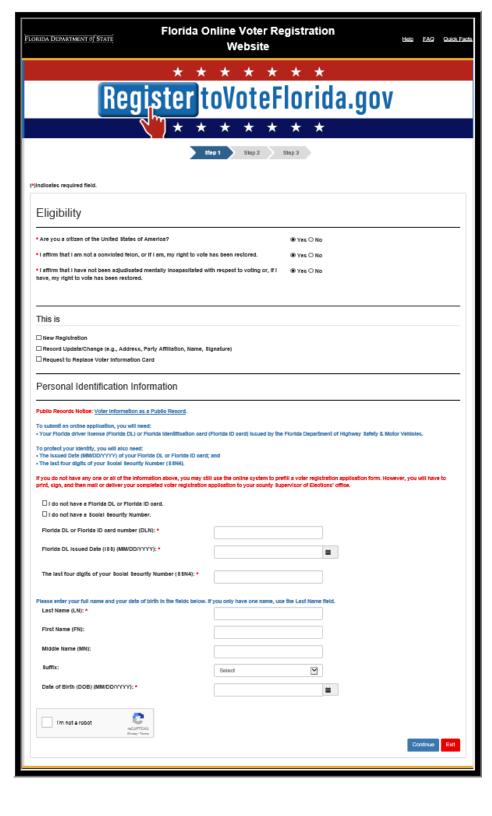
The deadline to register for an upcoming election is 29 days before that election. You can also update your registration record at any time. However, since Florida is a <u>closed primary election</u> state, a party change for a primary election must be made by the registration deadline for that election. If the deadline has passed, you can still submit an online application at any time and it will be processed for future elections.

Register or Update

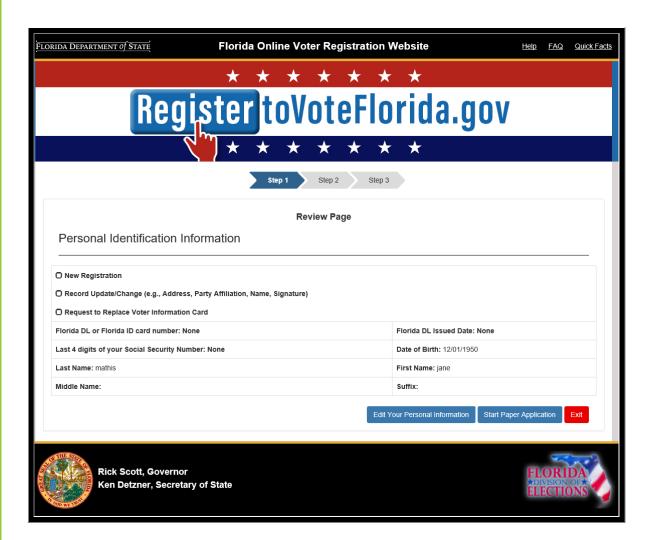
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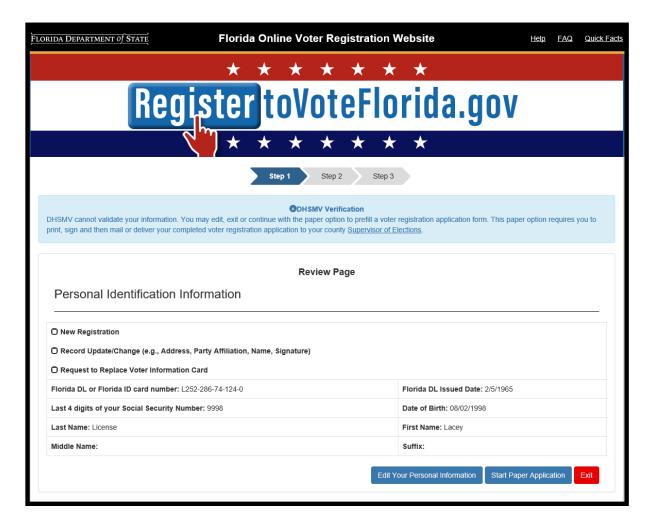
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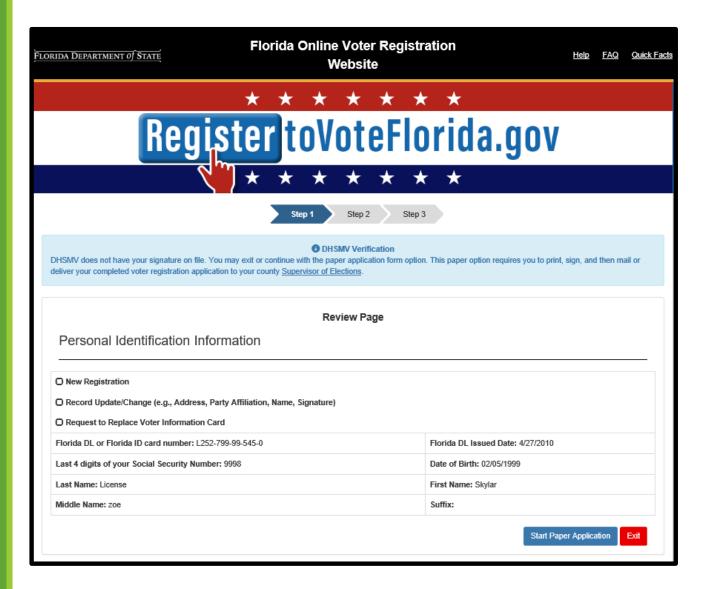
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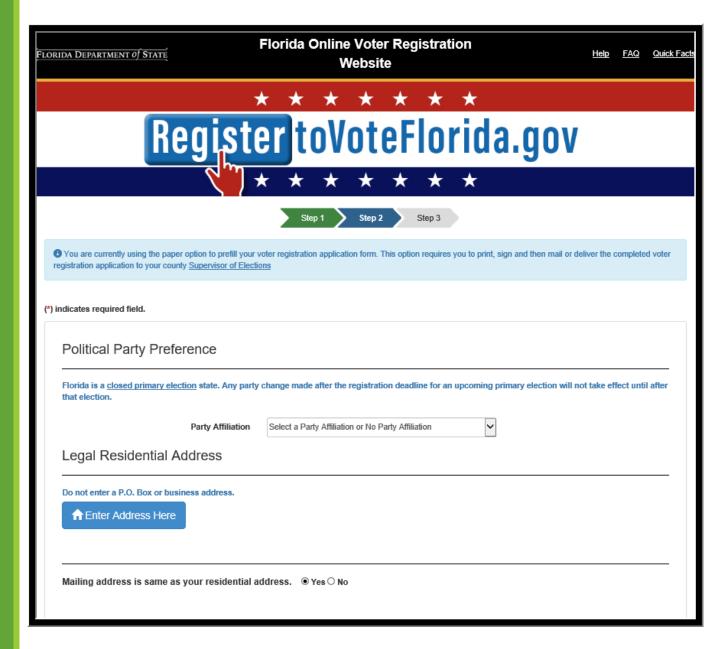


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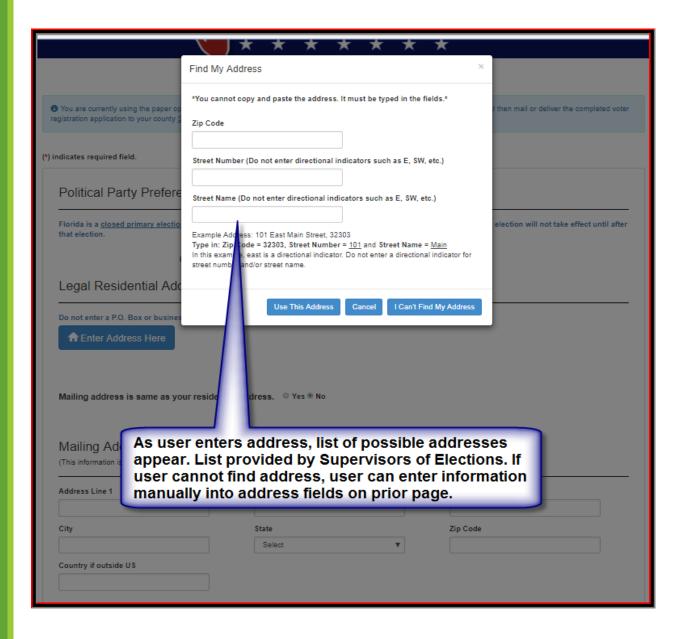
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Applicable to
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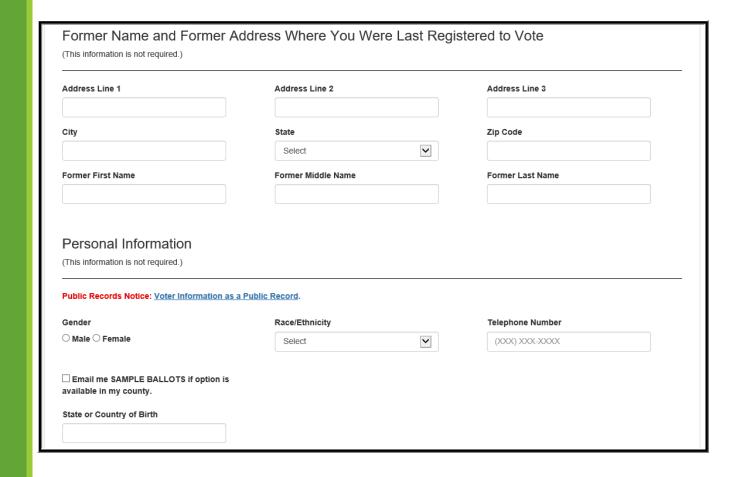


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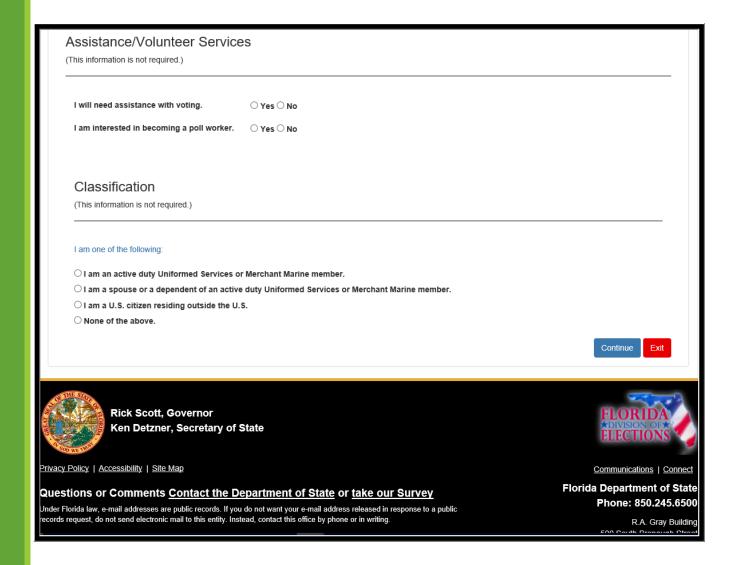
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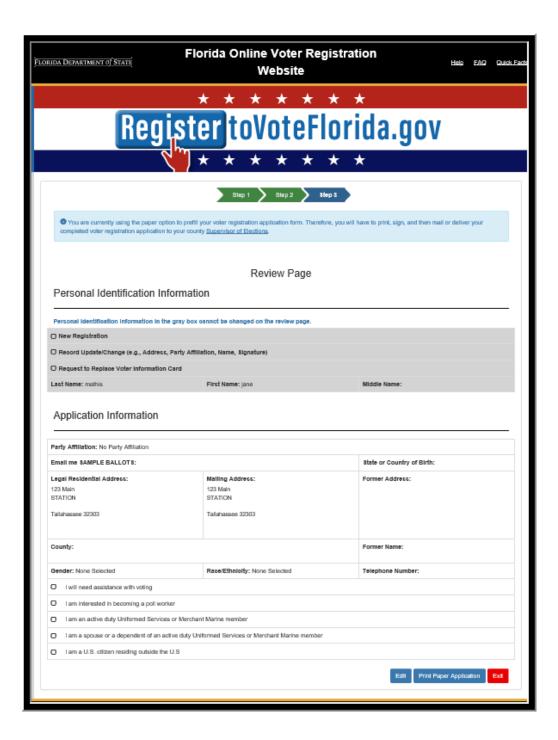


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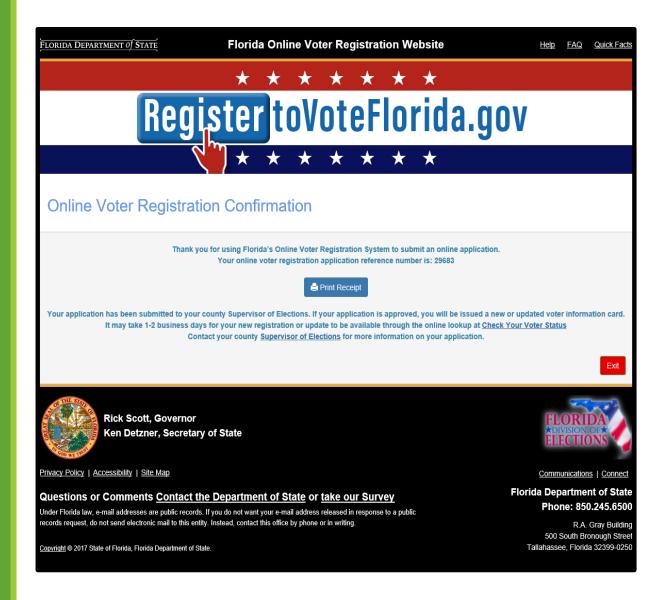
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Review page is made available to both for Online Submission and Paper Print Option



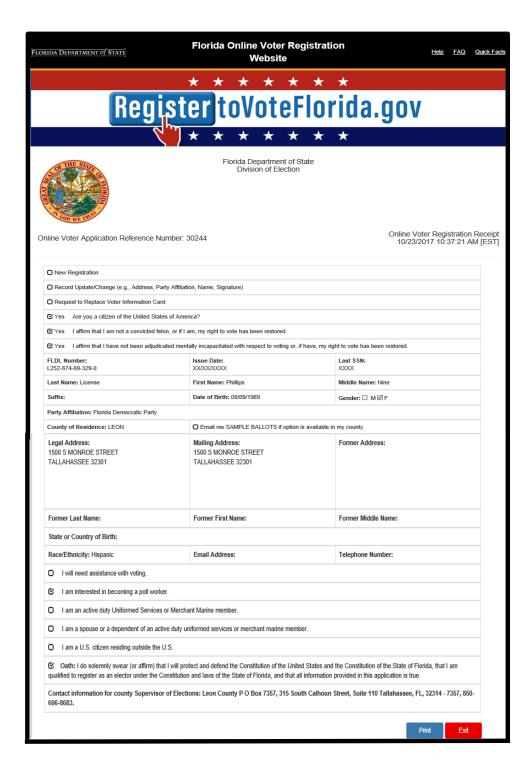
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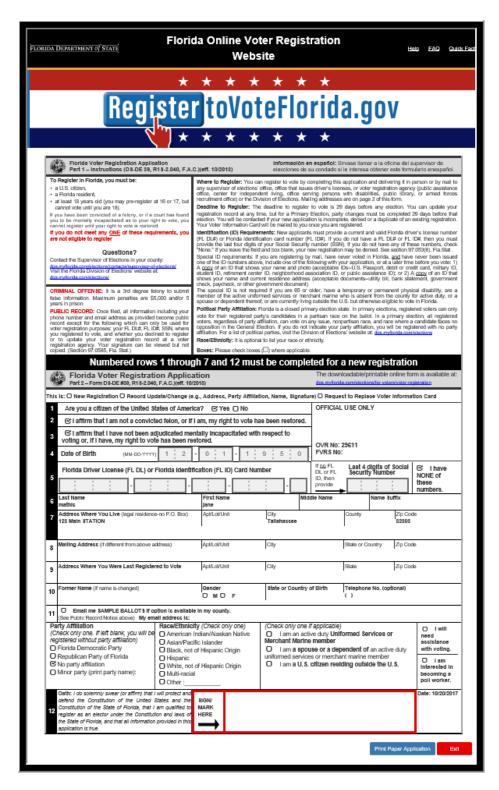
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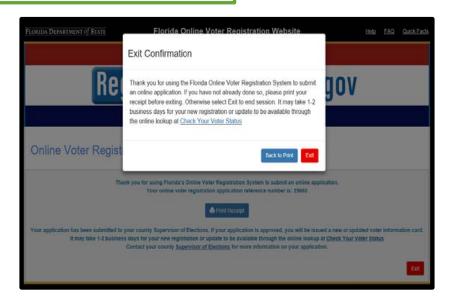
Prefilled Application Form

Paper Print Option

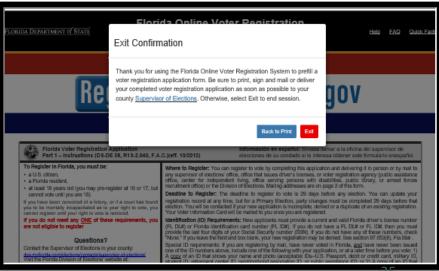


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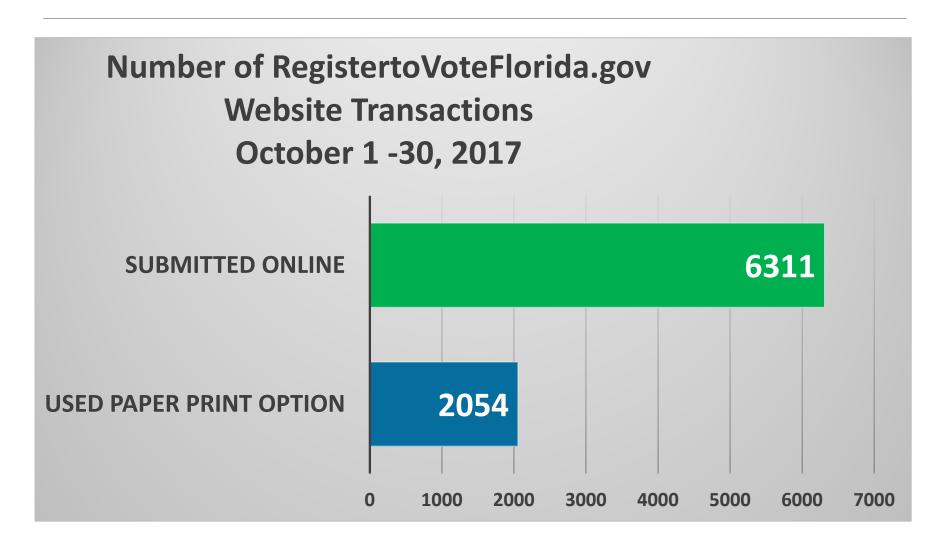
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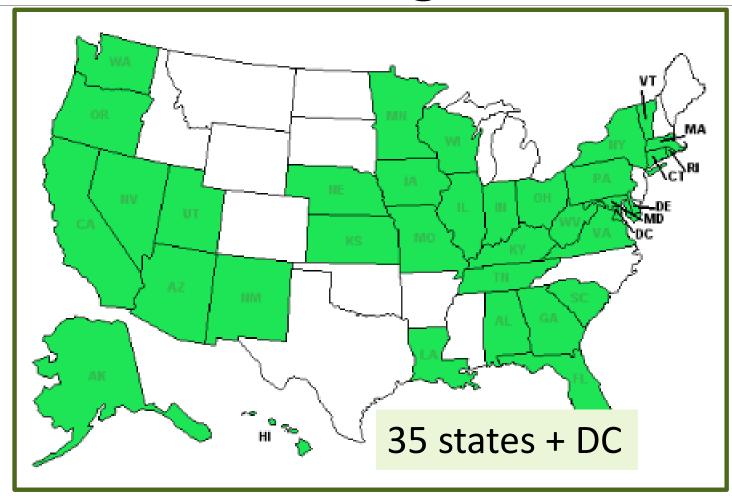
Statistics



Post-Implementation

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION IN FLORIDA

Jurisdictions With Online Voter Registration



Source: Online Voter Registration, National Conference of State Legislatures (10/2017)



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THE FLORIDA SENATE

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The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepared	By: The Pro	fessional Staff	of the Committee o	n Ethics and Ele	ctions	
BILL:	SB 276						
INTRODUCER:	Senator Hutson						
SUBJECT:	Voter Registration List Maintenance						
DATE:	November	3, 2017	REVISED:				
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I. Summary:

SB 276 authorizes the Secretary of State to enter into information sharing agreements with other states for the purpose of maintaining the statewide voter registration system. The bill directs the Secretary to use that data to identify registered voters or applications for voter registration that would be ineligible to vote and provides that those involved with such a data sharing agreement must keep all personal information confidential, if that information or data was confidential in its state of origin.

The bill, along with its public records counterpart SB 278, will provide the statutory authorization for Florida to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a private, non-profit, interstate consortium designed to help states improve the accuracy of their voter rolls through data match identification of problematic registrations and to increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens. The bill would require that the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, be on the board of directors of ERIC or any other similar entity it joins.

The Department of State may incur costs related to the initial membership fee and annual user fees if the department elects to participate in the program. The one-time membership fee for states is \$25,000 and the annual user fee is estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

County supervisors of elections may incur costs related to maintenance activity associated by the receipt of information from ERIC, including outreach to voters to confirm addresses or eligibility. However, they may also incur cost savings due to more efficient processes and reliable sources of data to maintain the voter rolls over the long term. The actual expenses and cost savings are indeterminate.

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The bill will take effect on January 1, 2019.

II. Present Situation:

No complete national system currently exists to identify duplicate voter registrations across state lines. While there is no criminal or civil penalty for being registered in two states simultaneously, it is important to identify voters registered in multiple jurisdictions to ensure the accuracy of the voter rolls. Currently, the process in Florida relies upon either the voter voluntarily notifying Florida election officials that they have moved and registered to vote in a new state, or another state's voting officials notifying Florida election officials that the elector has registered there. In the event that Florida election officials receive notice from another state's election officials that one of its electors has registered in another state, the law requires that notification to be treated as a request from the voter to have his or her name removed from the Florida Voter Registration System.¹

If Florida election officials do not receive notice that the elector has moved, a voter who has moved out of state will eventually be put into an inactive status pursuant to the county supervisors of elections biennial voter list maintenance efforts and culled from the state's rolls by the *second subsequent general election*, as provided by federal law.² That means that a voter who has moved can remain on Florida's voter rolls for up to 4 years. It *does not mean*, however, that such a voter is casting ballots in two states in the same election; which would be a felony under Florida law.³

Florida Voter List Maintenance Information⁴

The Secretary of State, as the chief election officer of the State, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the statewide voter registration system implemented as part of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.⁵ The 67 county Supervisors of Elections are primarily responsible for the registration of voters under section 98.045, F.S., and records maintenance activities including removal of voters pursuant to sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. Supervisors of Elections are the only election officials with authority to register and remove voters from the registration rolls.

These ongoing records maintenance activities are conducted to protect the integrity of the electoral process through current and accurate records and to ensure only eligible voters are registered in the statewide voter registration system. By law, any maintenance program or activity must be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

As part of maintenance activities, the Florida Department of State's Division of Elections and county supervisor of elections offices may receive and use information from a variety of credible and reliable sources, including other Florida state and local agencies, federal government, and

¹ Section 98.045(2)(b), F.S.

² Section 98.065(4)(b) and (c), F.S.

³ Section 104.18, F.S.

⁴ This section is derived almost in its entirety from the Present Situation section of the Department of State bill analysis for SB 1070 (2017), provided to the Legislature's Agency Bill Analysis Request (ABAR) system.

⁵ See also § 98.035, F.S.

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other states' elections officials, that may be useful in ensuring the accuracy of the registration system. Currently, information as to whether a voter has registered elsewhere is contingent upon the voter voluntarily indicating on a voter registration application that he or she was previously registered elsewhere. A voter may provide that information at the time he or she first registers or in subsequent registration record updates. There is no requirement that a registered voter must notify a state that he or she has moved out of the state and may have registered elsewhere.

If a registered voter indicates a prior state of registration, Florida will notify the other State within two weeks of registration to take appropriate action, and other States reciprocate with similar information.⁶ If the Division of Elections is notified that a Florida registered voter may have registered elsewhere, the information is processed and forwarded to the county Supervisor of Elections to take appropriate action to remove the voter. Sometimes the out-of-state cancellation information is forwarded directly to the county Supervisor of Elections. As noted above, a notice from another state election official that a voter has registered there is to be processed as if it were a direct request by the voter to be removed from rolls.⁷

Voter registration information once submitted to a governmental agency is public record pursuant to chapter 119, F.S., but a few exceptions exist. The social security number, the driver license number or state identification card number, where the voter submitted his or her registration information, and whether the voter declined to register or update voter registration information are exempt from public disclosure. Additionally, while a voter's signature can be viewed or inspected, it cannot be copied. Further, the law allows voters who fall into a number of high-risk professional classes to request that certain information such as their address and phone numbers and dates of birth be exempt for themselves and their spouses and children. Finally, the "voter stalking exemption" that the Legislature adopted in 2010 exempts the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of actual or threatened victims who participate in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections has made joining ERIC one of its *priority* legislative issues for the 2018 session.¹² This bill, along with its linked public records bill, provides the Secretary of State the necessary legal authorization to do so.

ERIC represents the best available, though admittedly only a partial, solution to identifying interstate duplicate voter registrations.

https://www.myfloridaelections.com/portals/fsase/Documents/Public%20Policy/2018%20Legislative%20Priorities.pdf (last accessed Nov. 2, 2017).

⁶ Section 97.073(2), F.S.

⁷ Section 98.045(2), F.S.

⁸ Section 97.0585, F.S.

⁹ *Id*.

¹⁰ Section 119.071(4)(d)1., F.S.

¹¹ Section 741.4651, F.S.

¹² FSASE, 2018 Legislative Issues, available at,

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"The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is a *non-profit organization* (corporation) with the sole mission of assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens. ERIC is governed and managed by states who choose to join, and was formed in 2012 with assistance from The Pew Charitable Trusts." It is essentially a multistate, data-sharing partnership that uses modern technology to provide election officials with information to keep voter lists complete and current, and to increase voter registration by notifying qualified, unregistered voters. ¹⁴

As of July 2016, ERIC has 20 state members plus the District of Columbia: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.¹⁵

ERIC is controlled by a Board of Directors with each State having a vote; however, only the first 20 states to join appoint a member of the Board of Directors. ¹⁶ Florida would be the 21st state to join ERIC.

By joining ERIC, each member state submits, at a minimum, its voter registration and motor vehicle licensee data (which it updates every 60 days), including voter names, addresses, dates of birth, and last four digits of social security numbers. However, ERIC does not require information such as race, religion, political party affiliation, or other information that can be used for purposes of discrimination. Sensitive, private data is anonymized (or "one-way hashing") and then transmitted to ERIC for use in the data matching process. REIC assures that all data received is collected, matched, and stored in an environment with state-of-the-art security. The ERIC website offers a technical and security brief, for those seeking more information about privacy and technical concerns:

http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC_Tech_and_Security_Brief_v2.2.pdf.

¹³ http://www.ericstates.org/

¹⁴ The Pew Charitable Trusts, *ERIC Mailings Encourage Voter Registration in Washington State* (March 9, 2016), available at http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2016/03/09/eric-mailings-encourage-voter-registration-in-washington-state (last accessed Nov. 2, 2017). Recent data shows that after the State of Washington sent mailings through the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to eligible but unregistered voters, new registrations came in at a rate of 12.4 percent (27,000/200,000). *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*; The most-recent census data indicates that the top 5 states with residents emigrating to Florida are New York, Georgia, Texas, New Jersey, and North Carolina. http://www.governing.com/gov-data/census/2010-census-state-migration-statistics.html (run query for "Moving to Florida").

¹⁶ http://www.ericstates.org/faq; see also, ERIC Bylaws, Article III (last updated December 16, 2016), available at http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC_Bylaws_12-16-2016.pdf (last visited Nov. 2, 2017). Florida could obtain a Director's seat either through a supermajority vote of three-fourths of the membership or by filling a vacancy should one arise. Florida would be first in line to fill a vacancy as the 21st state to join the consortium. *Id*.

^{17 &}lt;a href="http://www.ericstates.org/">http://www.ericstates.org/; see also, ERIC Bylaws, Membership Agreement (Exhibit A), § 2b. (last updated December 16, 2016), available at http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC_Bylaws_12-16-2016.pdf (last updated December 16, 2016), available at http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC_Bylaws_12-16-2016.pdf (last visited Nov. 2, 2017).

http://www.ericstates.org/faq; see also, ERIC, ERIC, Technology and Security Overview, available at http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC Tech and Security Brief v2.2.pdf (last accessed Nov. 2, 2017). Id.

Using advanced algorithms, ERIC compares databases from its members and determines inaccuracies in states' voting lists — who has moved *inter*state and *intra*state, who has died, and who is eligible to vote, but is not yet registered.²⁰

ERIC then makes a report available to the states so that: 1) supervisors of elections can confirm the eligibility of a voter and accuracy of the voter roll and, if necessary, either remove the voter or correct the inaccuracy on the roll, as appropriate (ERIC does not purge voters from individual states' registration rolls); and, 2) the State can send voter registration forms to age-eligible voters before the voter registration closing date for the next federal election.²¹

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill authorizes the Secretary, as he or she deems necessary, to enter into agreements or to join nongovernmental entities whose membership is composed entirely of state elections officials, to share information or data with other states in order to maintain the statewide voter registration system. The bill requires that the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, must serve as a full, voting member on the board of directors of any nongovernmental entity that Florida joins. However, such agreements or entities cannot be operated or controlled by the federal government. Additionally, Florida must be allowed to withdraw from such agreements or entities at any time. The bill directs the Secretary to use that data to identify registered voters or applications for voter registration that would be potentially ineligible to vote based on current law.

The bill also provides that all states and nongovernmental entities that receive personal information maintain the confidentiality of information or data given as part of the agreement.

The bill requires an annual report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House describing the agreement and providing information on the number of registered voters removed from the Florida Voter Registration system, as well as the reason for the removal.

The Secretary of State will be authorized to join ERIC, ²² in order to: 1) better identify problem voter records in the statewide registration database that the supervisors of elections can either remove, if they are determined to be invalid, or correct; and 2) identify potential voters who the State can contact to register to vote. If Florida joins ERIC, the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, must serve on ERIC's Board of Directors. As mentioned above, this same requirement concerning service on the board of directors applies to any nongovernmental entity composed solely of elections officials that Florida may agree to join in sharing information for voter registration list maintenance activities.

²⁰ Common Cause, *ERIC Fact Sheet*, Massachusetts Legislature HB 582 (Rep. Moran, 2015-2016, 189th General Court), available at, http://www.commoncause.org/states/massachusetts/issues/voting-and-elections/electronic-registration-information-center/ccma-eric-factsheet-final.pdf (last accessed Mar. 20, 2017).

²¹ http://www.ericstates.org/faq; see also, ERIC Bylaws, Membership Agreement (Exhibit A), § 5a.,b. (last updated October 28, 2015), available at http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC Bylaws 12-16-2016.pdf (last visited Nov. 2, 2017). It is important to note that when online voter registration "went live" in October 2017, the Supervisors of Elections will not necessarily need to print and mail a Florida Voter Registration Application. The Supervisor could instead simply include the website address for the online voter registration system to potential voters.

²² While most of the discussion concerning this legislation revolves around whether Florida will join ERIC, technically the bill will allow Florida to enter into other similar agreements with other states as well.

Information provided to committee staff from ERIC on an initial set of Florida reports *projects* the following numbers:²³

- <u>Intrastate voters</u>: 717,000 voters who have moved within Florida but haven't updated their voter records;
- <u>Interstate voters:</u> 233,000 *interstate* voters with out-of-date records because the voter moved to another state;
- Deceased voters: 24,000 voters still on the rolls;
- <u>Duplicates</u>: 17,000 duplicate registrations in the statewide database; and,
- <u>Potential Voter Registrants</u>: 4.5 million eligible voters in the motor vehicles database to be contacted to register to vote.

ERIC caveats their numbers by stating that they are based on the "averages" of what other member states have experienced, but also indicates that their projections "have so far proven to be reliable predictors" of the number of records that show up on initial reports.

The bill is effective January 1, 2019.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A.	Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:
	None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

²³ FSASE, 2017 Legislative Issues, (Page entitled ERIC at Work), available at, http://www.myfloridaelections.com/portals/fsase/Documents/Public%20Policy/2017_FSASE_Legislative_Priorities.pdf (last accessed (Nov. 2, 2017).

C. Government Sector Impact:

Local Government/Expenditures

County supervisors of elections may incur expenses related to list maintenance activity triggered by the receipt of information from ERIC, especially if such information triggers a significant amount of activity that needs to be processed including outreach to voters to confirm addresses or eligibility. However, they may also incur downstream cost savings due to more efficient processes and reliable sources of data helping to maintain the voter rolls over the long term. The extent of the potential costs and savings is currently indeterminate.

State Government

Expenditures/non-recurring

ERIC charges a *one-time membership fee* of \$25,000 to join,²⁴ which will likely be the responsibility of the Department of State.

Expenditures/recurring

In addition, each ERIC member pays *annual dues* which are determined by a formula set by the Board of Directors, with larger states paying a bit more than smaller states. While the precise amount of dues is indeterminate and will vary from year-to-year, this amount is likely to be no more than about \$50,000-\$75,000/year, based on ERIC's projected budget of \$785,000 for FY 2016-17 (for the current 20 members).²⁵ It is also believed that, in the event that Florida joins ERIC, there will be several other states following suit which could affect the cost for dues. The Department may also alternatively incur expenses related to working with the data sets provided through participation with ERIC.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 97.012 of the Florida Statutes.

²⁴ ERIC Bylaws, Article II, § 4 (last updated December 16, 2016), available at http://ericstates.org/images/documents/ERIC_Bylaws_12-16-2016.pdf (last visited Nov. 2, 2017).

²⁵ http://www.ericstates.org/faq

IX. **Additional Information:**

Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.) A.

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

Florida Senate - 2018 SB 276

By Senator Hutson

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An act relating to voter registration list maintenance; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; authorizing the Department of State to enter into certain interstate agreements or to become a member of a nongovernmental entity to verify voter registration information; establishing requirements for participation in such agreements or memberships; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide specified information to the Department of State; establishing reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

98.075 Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations .-

- (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.-
- (a) The department shall identify those voters who are registered more than once within the state or those applicants whose registration applications within the state would result in duplicate registrations. The most recent application shall be deemed an update to the voter registration record.
- (b) 1. The department may enter into interstate agreements or become a member of a nongovernmental entity whose membership is composed solely of state government election officials if the sole purpose of the agreement or membership is to share and exchange information in order to verify voter registration

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30	information. If the department intends to become a member of
31	such a nongovernmental entity, the agreement to join the entity
32	must require that the Secretary of State, or his or her
33	designee, serve as a full member with voting rights on the
34	nongovernmental entity's board of directors within 12 months
35	after joining the entity.
36	2. The department may share confidential and exempt
37	information pursuant to an interstate agreement or after
38	becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in
39	<pre>subparagraph 1. if:</pre>
40	a. Each state that is a participant in the interstate
41	agreement or each member of the nongovernmental entity agrees to
42	maintain the confidentiality of such information; or
43	b. The bylaws of the nongovernmental entity require member
44	states and the entity to maintain the confidentiality of
45	information as required by the laws of the state providing the
46	information.
47	3. The department may only enter into an interstate
48	agreement or become a member of a nongovernmental entity as
49	provided in subparagraph 1. if the agreement or entity is
50	controlled and operated by the participating states. The
51	interstate agreement or entity may not be operated or controlled
52	by the Federal Government or any other entity acting on behalf
53	of the Federal Government. The department must be able to
54	withdraw at any time from such interstate agreement or
55	membership entered into.
56	$\underline{\text{4. If the department enters into an interstate agreement or}}$
57	becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in

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subparagraph 1., the Department of Highway Safety and Motor

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Vehicles must, pursuant to a written agreement with the

department, provide driver license or identification information

to the department for the purpose of sharing and exchanging

voter registration information pursuant to an interstate

agreement or with the nongovernmental entity.

5. If the department enters into an interstate agreement or

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5. If the department enters into an interstate agreement or becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1., the department must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 of each year. The report must describe the interstate agreement or nongovernmental entity membership and provide information on the total number of voters removed from the voter registration system as a result of the agreement or membership and the reasons for their removal.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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The Florida Senate

Committee Agenda Request

To:	Senator Keith Perry, Chair Committee on Ethics and Elections					
Subject:	Committee Agenda Request					
Date:	October 24, 2017					
-	request that Senate Bill #, relating to Voter Registration List be placed on the:					
	committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.					
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Senator Travis Hutson Florida Senate, District 7

APPEARANCE RECORD

Meeting Date (Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting) Bill Number (if applicable)
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Representing Dept of State
Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No
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The Florida Senate COMMITTEE VOTE RECORD

COMMITTEE: Ethics and Elections

ITEM: SB 276
FINAL ACTION: Favorable

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

TIME: 2:00—4:00 p.m. PLACE: 412 Knott Building

FINAL	VOTE							
Yea	Nay	SENATORS	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
X		Braynon						
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RCS=Replaced by Committee Substitute RE=Replaced by Engrossed Amendment RS=Replaced by Substitute Amendment TP=Temporarily Postponed VA=Vote After Roll Call VC=Vote Change After Roll Call WD=Withdrawn OO=Out of Order AV=Abstain from Voting

The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepared	By: The Profe	ssional Staff o	of the Committee o	n Ethics and Ele	ections		
BILL:	SB 278							
INTRODUCER:	Senator Hu	Senator Hutson						
SUBJECT:	Public Rec	cords/Departr	nent of State	e				
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I. Summary:

SB 278 creates a public records exemption for voter registration information received by the Department of State (department), pursuant to an interstate agreement or membership in a nongovernmental entity as authorized in SB 276, from another state in which the information is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity as required by the Florida Constitution. The bill's effective date is contingent upon, and concurrent with, passage of SB 276, which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

The bill provides that the exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act, and stands repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Because the bill creates a new public records exemption, it requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in each house of the Legislature for final passage.

II. Present Situation:

Public Records Law

The Florida Constitution provides that the public has the right to inspect or copy records made or received in connection with official governmental business. This applies to the official business

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¹ FLA. CONST., art. I, s. 24(a).

of any public body, officer or employee of the state, including all three branches of state government, local governmental entities, and any person acting on behalf of the government.²

In addition to the Florida Constitution, the Florida Statutes provide that the public may access legislative and executive branch records.³ Chapter 119, F.S., constitutes the main body of public records laws, and is known as the Public Records Act.⁴ The Public Records Act states that

it is the policy of this state that all state, county and municipal records are open for personal inspection and copying by any person. Providing access to public records is a duty of each agency.⁵

According to the Public Records Act, a public record includes virtually any document or recording, regardless of its physical form or how it may be transmitted. The Florida Supreme Court has interpreted public records as being "any material prepared in connection with official agency business which is intended to perpetuate, communicate or formalize knowledge of some type." A violation of the Public Records Act may result in civil or criminal liability.

The Legislature may create an exemption to public records requirements. An exemption must pass by a two-thirds vote of the House and the Senate. In addition, an exemption must explicitly lay out the public necessity justifying the exemption, and the exemption must be no broader than necessary to accomplish the stated purpose of the exemption. A statutory exemption which does not meet these criteria may be unconstitutional and may not be judicially saved. 2

 $^{^{2}}$ Id.

³ The Public Records Act does not apply to legislative or judicial records. *Locke v. Hawkes*, 595 So. 2d 32 (Fla. 1992). Also see *Times Pub. Co. v. Ake*, 660 So. 2d 255 (Fla. 1995). The Legislature's records are public pursuant to s. 11.0431, F.S. Public records exemptions for the Legislature are primarily located in s. 11.0431(2)-(3), F.S.

⁴ Public records laws are found throughout the Florida Statutes.

⁵ Section 119.01(1), F.S.

⁶ Section 119.011(12), F.S., defines "public record" to mean "all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency." Section 119.011(2), F.S., defines "agency" to mean as "any state, county, district, authority, or municipal officer, department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government created or established by law including, for the purposes of this chapter, the Commission on Ethics, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel, and any other public or private agency, person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on behalf of any public agency."

⁷ Shevin v. Byron, Harless, Schaffer, Reid and Assoc. Inc., 379 So. 2d 633, 640 (Fla. 1980).

⁸ Section 119.10, F.S. Public records laws are found throughout the Florida Statutes, as are the penalties for violating those laws.

⁹ FLA. CONST., art. I, s. 24(c)

¹⁰ *Id*.

¹¹ *Id*.

¹² Halifax Hosp. Medical Center v. New-Journal Corp., 724 So. 2d 567 (Fla. 1999). See also Baker County Press, Inc. v. Baker County Medical Services, Inc., 870 So. 2d 189 (Fla. 1st DCA 2004).

When creating a public records exemption, the Legislature may provide that a record is "confidential and exempt" or "exempt." Records designated as "confidential and exempt" may be released by the records custodian only under the circumstances defined by the Legislature. Records designated as "exempt" are not required to be made available for public inspection, but may be released at the discretion of the records custodian under certain circumstances. ¹⁴

Open Government Sunset Review Act

The Open Government Sunset Review Act (referred to hereafter as the "OGSR") prescribes a legislative review process for newly created or substantially amended public records or open meetings exemptions. ¹⁵ The OGSR provides that an exemption automatically repeals on October 2nd of the fifth year after creation or substantial amendment; in order to save an exemption from repeal, the Legislature must reenact the exemption. ¹⁶

The OGSR provides that a public records or open meetings exemption may be created or maintained only if it serves an identifiable public purpose and is no broader than is necessary. An exemption serves an identifiable purpose if it meets one of the following purposes *and* the Legislature finds that the purpose of the exemption outweighs open government policy and cannot be accomplished without the exemption:

- It allows the state or its political subdivision to effectively and efficiently administer a program, and administration would be significantly impaired without the exemption; 18
- Releasing sensitive personal information would be defamatory or would jeopardize an
 individual's safety. If this public purpose is cited as the basis of an exemption, however, only
 personal identifying information is exempt;¹⁹ or
- It protects trade or business secrets.²⁰

The OGSR also requires specified questions to be considered during the review process.²¹ In examining an exemption, the OGSR asks the Legislature to carefully question the purpose and necessity of reenacting the exemption.

- 1. What specific records or meetings are affected by the exemption?
- 2. Whom does the exemption uniquely affect, as opposed to the general public?
- 3. What is the identifiable public purpose or goal of the exemption?
- 4. Can the information contained in the records or discussed in the meeting be readily obtained by alternative means? If so, how?
- 5. Is the record or meeting protected by another exemption?
- 6. Are there multiple exemptions for the same type of record or meeting that it would be appropriate to merge?

¹³ If the Legislature designates a record as confidential, such record may not be released to anyone other than the persons or entities specifically designated in the statutory exemption. *WFTV, Inc. v. The School Board of Seminole*, 874 So. 2d 48 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004).

¹⁴ Williams v. City of Minneola, 575 So. 2d 687 (Fla. 5th DCA 1991).

¹⁵ Section 119.15(4)(b), F.S., provides that an exemption is considered to be substantially amended if it is expanded to include more information or to include meetings. The OGSR does not apply to an exemption that is required by federal law or that applies solely to the Legislature or the State Court System pursuant to s. 119.15(2), F.S.

¹⁶ Section 119.15(3), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 119.15(6)(b), F.S.

¹⁸ Section 119.15(6)(b)1., F.S.

¹⁹ Section 119.15(6)(b)2., F.S.

²⁰ Section 119.15(6)(b)3., F.S.

²¹ Section 119.15(6)(a), F.S. The specified questions are:

If, in reenacting an exemption, the exemption is expanded, then a public necessity statement and a two-thirds vote for passage are required.²² If the exemption is reenacted without substantive changes or if the exemption is narrowed, then a public necessity statement and a two-thirds vote for passage are *not* required. If the Legislature allows an exemption to sunset, the previously exempt records will remain exempt unless provided for by law.²³

Public Record Exemptions for Voter Registration Information

Current law provides a public records exemption for certain information held by an agency for purposes of voter registration.²⁴ Specifically, the following information is confidential and exempt from public records requirements:

- All declinations to register to vote made pursuant to ss. 97.057 and 97.058, F.S.
- Information relating to the place where a person registered to vote or where a person updated a voter registration.
- The social security number, driver's license number, and Florida identification number of a voter registration applicant or voter.

Further, the signature of a voter registration applicant or a voter is exempt from *copying* requirements.²⁵

Also, the law allows voters who fall into a number of high-risk professional classes to request that certain information such as their address and phone numbers and dates of birth be exempt for themselves and their spouses and children.²⁶

Victims of domestic violence who participate in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence, as well as people who are victims of stalking may have their names, addresses, and telephone numbers be exempt from public disclosure.²⁷

Florida Voter List Maintenance Information

The Secretary of State, as the chief election officer of the State, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the statewide voter registration system implemented as part of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.²⁸ The 67 county Supervisors of Elections (Supervisors) are primarily responsible for the registration of voters under s. 98.045, F.S., and records maintenance activities including removal of voters pursuant to ss. 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. Supervisors are the only election officials with authority to register and remove voters from the registration rolls.

Each Supervisor is required to retain all records concerning implementation of registration list maintenance programs and activities conducted pursuant to ss. 98.065 and 98.075, F.S., and

²² FLA. CONST. art. I, s. 24(c).

²³ Section 119.15(7), F.S.

²⁴ Section 97.0585, F.S.

²⁵ Section 97.0585(2), F.S.

²⁶ Section 119.071(4)(d), F.S.

²⁷ Sections 741.465 and 741.4651, F.S.

²⁸ See s. 98.035, F.S.

make them available for public inspection and copying.²⁹ The records must include lists of the name and address of each person to whom a notice³⁰ was sent and information as to whether each such person responded to the mailing, but may not include any information that is otherwise confidential or exempt from public inspection.³¹

These ongoing records maintenance activities are conducted to protect the integrity of the electoral process through current and accurate records and to ensure only eligible voters are registered in the statewide voter registration system. By law, any maintenance program or activity must be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002. 32

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SB 276 authorizes the department to enter into an interstate agreement or become a member of a nongovernmental entity to share voter registration information with other states to maintain the integrity of the statewide Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS). That bill also directs the department to use that information to identify registered voters or voter registration applicants who would be potentially ineligible to vote, and directs the department to share such information with Supervisors to conduct registration list maintenance activities.

SB 276 also provides that all states and nongovernmental entities that receive voter registration information maintain the confidentiality of information given as part of the agreement, if that information was confidential in its state of origin. The bill also requires an annual report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House describing the interstate agreement or membership, and providing information on the number of registered voters removed from the FVRS as a result of the agreement or membership and the reasons for their removal.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates a public records exemption for voter registration information received by the department, pursuant to an interstate agreement or membership in a nongovernmental entity as authorized in SB 276, from another state in which the information is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity as required by the Florida Constitution. It states that without the exemption, the department would not be able to receive information from other states that might otherwise be confidential and exempt pursuant to the laws of those states. This would impair the ability of the department and supervisors to maintain accurate voter rolls, which is critical to fair elections in this state.

The bill's effective date is contingent upon, and concurrent with, passage of SB 276, which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

²⁹ Section 98.045(3), F.S.

³⁰ See s. 98.075(7), F.S. Supervisors are required to notify the registered voter of his or her potential ineligibility by mail.

³¹ Supra note 29

³² Department of State, *SB 1072 Legislative Bill Analysis (March 17, 2017)* (on file with the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability).

The bill provides that the exemption is subject to the OGSR, and stands repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Because the bill creates a new public records exemption, it requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in each house of the Legislature for final passage.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

Voting Requirement

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting for final passage of a newly created public records or public meetings exemption. The bill creates a new public record exemption; thus, it requires a two-thirds vote for final passage.

Public Necessity Statement

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution requires a public necessity statement for a newly created or expanded public records or public meetings exemption. The bill creates a new public records exemption and includes a public necessity statement.

Breadth of Exemption

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution requires a newly created public records exemption to be no broader than necessary to accomplish the stated purpose of the law. Based on the legislative findings in the statement of public necessity, the public records exemption in this bill appears to be no broader than necessary to accomplish its stated purpose.

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None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C.	Government	Sector	Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 98.075 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public records; amending s. 98.075,
F.S.; providing an exemption from public records
requirements for certain information received by the
Department of State from another state which is
confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that
state; providing for release of such information to
specified persons; providing for future legislative
review and repeal of the exemption; providing a
statement of public necessity; providing a contingent

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, as amended by SB __, 2018 Regular Session, to read:

98.075 Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations.—

(2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.-

effective date.

(c) Information received by the department from another state, pursuant to an interstate agreement or upon the department becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph (b)1., which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state, is exempt from s. 119.071(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The department shall provide such information to the supervisors to conduct registration list maintenance activities. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance

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30	with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2023,
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32	Legislature.
33	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
34	necessity that information received by the Department of State
35	from another state, pursuant to an interstate agreement entered
36	into under s. 98.075(2)(b), Florida Statutes, or pursuant to its
37	membership in a nongovernmental entity as provided in s.
38	98.075(2)(b), Florida Statutes, which is confidential or exempt
39	pursuant to the laws of that state, be made exempt from s.
40	119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
41	State Constitution. Participating in interstate agreements or
42	becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of
43	sharing and exchanging information to verify voter registration
44	information is critical to ensuring the accuracy of the
45	statewide voter registration system. Maintaining an accurate
46	statewide voter registration system is critical to fair
47	elections in this state. Without the public records exemption,
48	the department will be unable to receive information from other
49	states which might otherwise be confidential or exempt pursuant
50	to the laws of those states, which would impair the ability of
51	the department and supervisors of elections to maintain accurate
52	voter rolls. As a result, the effective and efficient
53	administration of the statewide voter registration system would
54	be hindered. For these reasons, the Legislature finds that it is
55	a public necessity to maintain the exempt status of such
56	information received by the department.
57	Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
58	SB or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation

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59 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension

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The Florida Senate

Committee Agenda Request

То:	Senator Keith Perry, Chair Committee on Ethics and Elections						
Subject:	Committee Agenda Request						
Date:	October 24, 2017						
I respectfully request that Senate Bill # <u>278</u> , relating to Public Records/ Department of State, be placed on the:							
	committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.						
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Senator Travis Hutson Florida Senate, District 7

APPEARANCE RECORD

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FINAL ACTION: Favorable

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To: Perry, Keith

Cc: Lott, Kayla; Ulrich, Cameron; Vause, Diane

Subject: Request for Committee Excusal

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 11:07:21 AM

Good morning Chair Perry,

I am writing to request respectfully that I be excused from the Ethics and Elections Committee the week of November 6 due to a family matter.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact my office, or myself. Thank you for time and consideration of this matter.

Kind Regards,

Jeff Brandes

State Senator, District 24

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CourtSmart Tag Report

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Started: 11/7/2017 2:02:56 PM

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2:03:05 PM Call to Order 2:03:14 PM Quorum Present

2:03:51 PM Tab 1 Presentation by The Honorable Ken Detzner, Secretary of State

2:04:38 PM Ken Detzner, presentation regarding online voter registration

2:08:47 PM Chair calls for questions

2:09:01 PM Maria Mathews, Esq., Dir., Div. of Elec., FL Dept. of State, presentation regarding the online voter

registration system

2:32:21 PM Chair comments and poses question

2:34:37 PM Tab 2 SB 276 by Sen Hutson Sen Hutson explains the bill 2:34:58 PM

2:35:21 PM Chair calls for questions on the bill 2:35:44 PM Sen Braynon poses a question

2:36:18 PM Sen Hutson responds 2:37:24 PM Sen Lee question

2:37:28 PM Sen Hutson response 2:38:18 PM Sen Lee follow up question

2:38:48 PM Sen Hutson responds 2:39:28 PM Sen Lee question

Sen Rodriguez question 2:40:34 PM 2:41:52 PM Sen Hutson response

2:41:57 PM Sen Rodriguez follow up

2:42:05 PM Discussion between Sen Hutson and Sen Rodriguez

2:42:24 PM Sen Torres question Sen Hutson response 2:42:38 PM 2:42:44 PM Sen Torres follow up 2:42:58 PM Sen Hutson response 2:43:26 PM Sen Torres follow up

2:43:35 PM David Ramba, FI State Assoc of Supervisor of Elections, speaks in support

2:45:17 PM Sen Braynon question 2:45:32 PM Mr. Ramba responds

2:46:22 PM Mark Early, Leon County Supervisor of Elections, speaks in support

2:47:12 PM Sen Rodriguez guestion 2:47:58 PM Mark Early responds

Marty Monroe, League of Women Voters waives in support 2:48:05 PM

2:48:21 PM Brian Pitts, Justice for Jesus speaks to inform

2:54:38 PM Chair calls for debate

2:54:51 PM Secretary Detzner comments 2:57:18 PM Sen Lee follow up question 2:58:19 PM Secretary Detzner responds 2:58:25 PM Sen Lee follow up question 2:58:51 PM Sec Detzner comments 2:59:27 PM Sen Braynon question Sec Detzner responds 2:59:58 PM

Sen Hutson closes on the bill 3:01:07 PM 3:01:50 PM Roll Call

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3:01:55 PM SB 276 recorded favorably 3:02:11 PM Tab 3 SB 278 by Sen Hutson

3:02:25 PM Sen Hutson explains

3:03:34 PM Brian Pitts, Justice for Jesus, speaks

3:05:45 PM Sen Braynon comments 3:05:57 PM Sen Hutson closes on bill Roll Call

3:06:17 PM SB 278 recorded favorbly **3:06:32 PM** Meeting adjourned