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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

ETHICS AND ELECTIONS
Senator Gaetz, Chair
Senator Bernard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Bernard, Vice Chair; Senators Avila, Bradley, Garcia, Grall, Polsky, and Rouson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 460 Polsky (Identical H 597)	<p>Special Elections; Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to call a special primary election and a special election under a certain circumstance; requiring the Governor to fix the dates of a special election within a specified timeframe after the vacancy occurs; authorizing qualified electors to file a petition in the circuit court seeking judicial determination of an election date under specified conditions; deleting the authority of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to waive specified timeframes if all parties concur, etc.</p> <p>EE 02/04/2026 Favorable JU RC</p>	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0
2	SB 748 Bracy Davis (Identical H 467)	<p>Notice of Restoration of Voting Rights Information on Sentencing Scoresheets; Specifying information to be provided on sentencing scoresheets concerning restoration of voting rights; requiring that a scoresheet be provided to a defendant before a sentence is imposed, etc.</p> <p>CJ 01/26/2026 Favorable EE 02/04/2026 Favorable RC</p>	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0
3	CS/SB 1180 Community Affairs / Arrington (Similar CS/H 1051)	<p>Community Development Districts; Providing that specified provisions regarding synthetic turf do not apply to community development districts enforcing deed restrictions; providing that certain members of the governing body of a community development district may be removed by the electors of the community development district; requiring separate petitions for each member sought to be recalled; requiring a specified percentage of electors to sign the petition; providing the grounds for removal of elected members, etc.</p> <p>CA 01/27/2026 Fav/CS EE 02/04/2026 Favorable FP</p>	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0

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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
4	SB 1334 Grall (Compare H 991)	Elections; Revising the oath persons must subscribe to when registering to vote; revising the information the statewide voter registration application is designed to elicit from an applicant to include documentation required by the Election Assistance Commission or federal law; requiring that an applicant's legal status as a United States citizen be verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles before the online voter registration system transmits an application to the supervisor of elections; providing that applications to update a voter's record are retroactive under a specified condition, etc. EE 02/04/2026 Fav/CS ATD RC	Fav/CS Yea 5 Nays 2
TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<p>Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.</p>			
<p>Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College</p>			
5	Monreal, Ismare (Miami-Dade)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
<p>State Board of Education</p>			
6	Collins, Layla ()	12/31/2028	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
<p>Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida</p>			
7	Filburn, Mark C. (Winter Park)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
	Florez, Alan (Ormond Beach)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
<p>Board of Trustees, Florida International University</p>			
8	Plana, Nestor (Miami-Dade)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
<p>Board of Trustees, University of North Florida</p>			
9	Moore, Clarence S. (St. Johns)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
<p>Board of Trustees, University of South Florida</p>			
10	Piccolo, Fredrick (Sarasota)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
	Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway (Tampa)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0

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Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities			
11	Asztalos, Robert P. (Tallahassee)	Pleasure of Governor	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County			
12	Chiea, Renee (Dunedin)	07/17/2028	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
	Gnage, Kristen Arrojo ()	08/07/2028	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
	McShea, Alicia S. (St. Petersburg)	08/11/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
	Millican, James A. ()	08/11/2028	Recommend Confirm Yea 7 Nays 0
TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Other Related Meeting Documents			

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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: SB 460

INTRODUCER: Senator Polsky

SUBJECT: Special Elections

DATE: February 5, 2026

REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. <u>Cleary</u>	<u>Roberts</u>	<u>EE</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2. _____	_____	<u>JU</u>	_____
3. _____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

I. Summary:

SB 460 revises the requirements under Florida's Election Code for the ordering and scheduling of special primary elections and special elections required to fill a vacancy in certain offices by:

- Requiring the Governor, upon a vacancy, to call a special primary election and special election by a statutorily proscribed deadline.
- Requiring the Governor to call and schedule such special primary elections and special elections, after consultation: to the earliest date feasible to hold such elections, to coincide with existing scheduled elections if possible, to schedule such elections no later from a certain number of days from the occurrence of the vacancy, and require a minimum amount of time between the special primary elections and special elections.
- Providing certain people are deemed elected under specific circumstances.
- Providing timeframes for the scheduling of special primary elections and special elections, relating to vacancies involving: offices with certain time remaining on its term of office, legislative offices that become vacant within a certain period before legislative session, and vacancies that occur under Florida's "Resign to Run" rule.
- Providing qualified electors standing to file petitions with the circuit court, seeking a judicial order to enforce the requirements under the bill on an expedited basis.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Election Code: Filling Vacancies by Special Election

The Florida Election Code (“Code”) provides for special elections and special primary elections where vacancies¹ occur in certain offices that cannot be filled by appointment.²

- If no person has been elected at a general election to fill an office which was required to be filled by election at such general election.
- If a vacancy occurs in the office of state senator or member of the state house of representatives.
- If it is necessary to elect presidential electors, by reason of the offices of President and Vice President both having become vacant.
- If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member from Florida House of Representatives of Congress.

Under the Code, if a vacancy occurs in any office which is required to be filled pursuant to s. 1(f), Art. IV of the Florida Constitution and the remainder of the term of such office is 28 months or longer, then a person must be elected to fill the unexpired portion of such term at the next general election, beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday following such general election.³ If a vacancy occurs prior to the first day set by law for qualifying for election to office at such general election, any person seeking nomination or election to the unexpired portion of the term must qualify within the time prescribed by law for qualifying for other offices to be filled by election at such general election.⁴ If a vacancy occurs prior to the primary election but on or after the first day set by law for qualifying, the Secretary of State must set dates for qualifying for the unexpired portion of the term of such office.⁵ Any person seeking nomination or election to the unexpired portion of the term must qualify within the time set by the Secretary of State.⁶ If time does not permit party nominations to be made in conjunction with the primary election, the Governor may call a special primary election to select party nominees for the unexpired portion of such term.⁷

¹ See Section 3, art X, Fla. Const. (Vacancy in office means, “Vacancy in office shall occur upon the creation of an office, upon the death, removal from office, or resignation of the incumbent or the incumbent’s succession to another office, unexplained absence for sixty consecutive days, or failure to maintain the residence required when elected or appointed, and upon failure of one elected or appointed to office to qualify within thirty days from the commencement of the term”); s. 114.01(1), F.S. (Office deemed vacant in certain circumstances, “(1) A vacancy in office shall occur: (a) Upon creation of an office. (b) Upon the death of the incumbent officer. (c) Upon removal of the officer from office. (d) Upon the resignation of the officer and acceptance thereof by the Governor. (e) Upon the succession of the officer to another office.

(f) Upon the officer’s unexplained absence for 60 consecutive days. (g) Upon the officer’s failure to maintain the residence required of him or her by law. (h) Upon the failure of a person elected or appointed to office to qualify for office within 30 days from the commencement of the term of office. (i) Upon the refusal of the person elected or appointed to accept the office. (j) Upon the conviction of the officer of a felony as defined in s. 10, Art. X of the State Constitution. (k) Upon final adjudication, in this state or in any other state, of the officer to be mentally incompetent. (l) Upon the rendition of a final judgment of a circuit court of this state declaring void the election or appointment of the incumbent to office.”).

² Section 100.101, F.S.

³ Section 100.111(1)(a), F.S.

⁴ Section 100.111(1)(b), F.S.

⁵ Section 100.111(1)(c), F.S.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

Whenever there is a vacancy for which a special election is required pursuant to section 100.101, Florida Statutes, the Governor, after consultation with the Secretary of State, is required to call and schedule fixed dates for a special primary election and a special election.⁸ Before setting special election dates, the Governor is required to consider any upcoming elections in the jurisdiction where the special election will be held.⁹ The Governor must fix specific certain, nonconditional, days, for such special primary elections and special elections.¹⁰ The fixed dates must provide a minimum of 2 weeks between each election.¹¹

If a vacancy occurs in the office of state Senator or member of the House of Representative when the Legislature is in regular legislative session, the minimum times required under section 100.111(2), Florida Statutes, may be waived upon the agreement of the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.¹² If a vacancy occurs in the office of a state Senator and no session of the Legislature is scheduled to be held prior to the next general election, the Governor may fix the dates for the special primary election and for the special election to coincide with the dates of the primary election and general election.¹³ If a vacancy in office occurs in any district in the state Senate or House of Representatives or in any congressional district, and no session of the Legislature, or session of Congress if the vacancy is a congressional district, is scheduled to be held during the unexpired portion of the term, the Governor is not required to call a special election to fill such vacancy.¹⁴ The dates for candidates to qualify in such special election or special primary election must be fixed by the Department of State, and candidates must qualify no later than noon of the last day fixed to qualify.¹⁵ The dates fixed for qualifying must allow a minimum of 14 days between the last day of qualifying and the special primary election.¹⁶

When a special election is required to fill any vacancy in office, the Governor, after consultation with the Secretary of State, must issue an order declaring a special election and the day the election must be held and the Governor must deliver this order to the Department of State.¹⁷ The Department of State is required to prepare a notice stating what offices are to be filled in the special election, the dates set for the special primary election and the special election, the dates fixed for qualifying for office, the dates fixed for qualifying by the petition process pursuant to section 88.095, Florida Statutes, and the date fixed for filing campaign expenses.¹⁸ The Department of State must deliver a copy of such notice to the supervisor of elections of each county in which the special election is to be held.¹⁹

⁸ Section 100.111(2), F.S. (Nominees of political parties shall be chosen under the primary laws of this state in the special primary election to become candidates in the special election).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ Section 100.111(2)(a), F.S.

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ Section 100.141(1), F.S.

¹⁸ Section 100.141(2), F.S.

¹⁹ Section 100.141(3), F.S. (The Supervisor of Elections is required to have the notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least 10 days before the first day set for qualifying for office or, for at least 10 days before the first day set for qualifying for office, publish notice on the county's website as provided in section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, or on the supervisor's website").

Florida's Resign-to-Run Law and Its Effect on Vacancies

Under Florida law, an officeholder is required to submit a resignation from their current office before qualifying as a candidate for another office, if the term of that second office would overlap with their current office.²⁰ Such resignation must be irrevocable.²¹ The written resignation must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying for the office he or she intends to seek.²² The written resignation must be effective no later than the earlier of the date the officer would take office, if elected, or the date the officer's successor is required to take office.²³ The office is deemed vacant upon the effective date of the resignation submitted by the official in his or her letter of resignation.²⁴ Any officer who submits his or her resignation, effective immediately or effective on a date prior to the date of his or her qualifying for office, may then qualify for office as a nonofficeholder.²⁵

Special Primary Elections and General Special Elections

Since January 1, 1999, there have been 80 vacancies in congressional and legislative offices in Florida filled by special election.²⁶ For the 65 vacancies arising between 1999 and 2020, on average, it took 7.6 days for the Governor to call a special election after the vacancy arose.²⁷

From 2017 to 2026 there have been 35 vacancies in congressional and legislative offices in Florida, requiring the Governor to order a special election.²⁸ These vacancies occurred ranging from the death, succession to a new office, and resignation of the office holder.²⁹ Upon the first notice that a vacancy of an office occurred or is going to occur, that the Governor will have to call for a special election to fill that vacant office, to the time the Governor issued the order and scheduled the special primary election and special election has varied greatly from 2017 to 2026.³⁰ During this time period, Governors have issued such orders to hold special elections the same day they receive notice that a vacancy has occurred, compared to waiting over 90 days in some instances to issue such an order.

²⁰ Section 99.012(3)(a), F.S. ("No officer may qualify as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other without resigning from the office he or she presently holds"; *See also* Section 99.012(4)(a), F.S. (In regards to any officer who qualifies for federal public office "... must resign from the office he or she presently holds if the terms, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other").

²¹ Section 99.012(3)(b), F.S.

²² Section 99.012(3)(c), F.S.

²³ Section 99.012(3)(d), F.S.

²⁴ Section 99.012(3)(f), F.S.

²⁵ Section 99.012(3)(g), F.S.

²⁶ Compl., *Lippe v. DeSantis*, No. 2025 CA 1856 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Sept. 30, 2025) (In 25 instances, the Governor took fewer than five days to call the election).

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *See Florida Division of Elections Webpage*, special elections archive 2017-2026 (last updated January 14, 2026), <https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/special-elections/special-elections-archive/>

²⁹ *Id.* Resignations have either occurred due to the office holder wanting to leave office entirely or under the requirements of the "Resign to Run Law," section 99.012, F.S., to run for a different office that term overlaps with their current office.

³⁰ *Id.*

Charts: Days between first notice of vacancy and Governor's order to hold special elections ranging from 2017-2026³¹

2026 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between notice of vacancy and order to hold special election
State Representative (District 51)	Resignation (effective November 7, 2025)	November 7, 2025	November 10, 2025 ³²	3 days
State Representative (District 52)	Resignation (effective September 18, 2025)	September 18, 2025	November 6, 2025 ³³	50 days
State Representative (District 87)	Succession (effective August 19, 2025)	August 19, 2025	October 24, 2025 ³⁴	66 days
State Senate (District 14)	Succession (effective August 12, 2025)	August 12, 2025	October 24, 2025 ³⁵	73 days

³¹ See Florida Division of Elections Webpage, special elections archive 2017-2026 (last updated January 14, 2026), <https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/special-elections/special-elections-archive/> (The data for the charts was gathered and compiled from the State Division of Elections' special elections archive webpage that contains various information regarding the issuing and holding of special primary and special elections, ranging from 2017 to 2026. Of important note, Governors over the years upon first notice that a vacancy in office is to occur have taken the opportunity to order a special election to fill such office at the earliest time they are legally able to make such order, rather than waiting till the office is vacant, in order to minimize the time an office is not filled and constituents are without representation. The charts seek to capture the earliest time that the Governors had notice and could take action to order a special election compared to the actual time they ordered a special election to occur).

³² Executive Order 25- 233 (November 10, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709752/executive-order-25-233.pdf>

³³ Executive Order 25-229 (November 6, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709744/executive-order-25-229.pdf>

³⁴ Executive Order 25-210 (October 24, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709667/eo-25-210.pdf>

³⁵ Executive Order 25-209 (October 24, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709666/eo-25-209.pdf>

2025 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Representative (District 90)	Death (effective July 18, 2025)	July 18, 2025	July 22, 2025 ³⁶	4 days.
State Senate (District 11)	Resignation (effective July 21, 2025)	July 21, 2025	July 22, 2025 ³⁷	1 day
State Representative (District 40)	Resignation (effective September 1, 2025)	April 10, 2025	April 15, 2025 ³⁸	5 days
State Senate (District 15)	Death (effective February 13, 2025)	February 13, 2025	April 8, 2025 ³⁹	54 days
State Representative (District 32)	Resignation (effective June 9, 2025)	January 22, 2025	January 23, 2025 ⁴⁰	1 day
State Senate (District 19)	Resignation (effective March 31, 2025)	November 26, 2024 ⁴¹	January 21, 2025 ⁴²	56 days
State Representative (District 3)	Resignation (effective January 1, 2025)	November 25, 2024 ⁴³	January 21, 2025 ⁴⁴	57 days
US House of Representatives (District 1)	Resignation (effective November 19, 2024)	November 13, 2024	November 22, 2024 ⁴⁵	9 days

³⁶ Executive Order 25-149 (July 22, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709351/eo-25-149.pdf>

³⁷ Executive Order 25-148 (July 22, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709346/eo-25-148.pdf>

³⁸ Executive Order 25-82 (April 15, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709025/eo-25-82.pdf>

³⁹ Executive Order 25-77 (April 8, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/709009/eo-25-77.pdf>

⁴⁰ Executive Order 25-17 (January 23, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/708806/eo-25-17.pdf>

⁴¹ Resignation Letter, State Senator Randy Fine, District 19 (November 26, 2024), available at <https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000193-6977-dc64-a19f-6f7ff7bd0000>

⁴² Executive Order 25-15 (January 21, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/708765/eo-25-15.pdf>

⁴³ Resignation Letter, State Representative Joel Rudman, District 3 (November 25, 2024), available at https://static-s3.lobbytools.com/docs/2024/11/25/133234_rep_rudman_formal_resignation_letter.pdf

⁴⁴ Executive Order 25-14 (January 21, 2025), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/708764/eo-25-14.pdf>

⁴⁵ Executive Order 24-262 (November 22, 2024), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/708642/eo-24-262.pdf>

US House of Representatives (District 6)	Resignation (effective January 20, 2025)	November 24, 2024	November 25, 2024 ⁴⁶	1 day
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2024 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Senate (District 24)	Resignation (effective November 4, 2024)	April 15, 2024	May 28, 2024 ⁴⁷	43 days

2023 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Representative (District 118)	Resignation (effective June 11, 2023)	June 11, 2023	July 19, 2023 ⁴⁸	38 days
State Representative (District 24)	Resignation (effective December 8, 2022)	December 8, 2022 ⁴⁹	December 19, 2022 ⁵⁰	11 days
State Representative (District 35)	Resignation (effective June 30, 2023)	June 30, 2023	July 19, 2023 ⁵¹	19 days

⁴⁶ Executive Order 24-263 (November 25, 2024), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/708632/eo-24-263.pdf>

⁴⁷ Executive Order 24-101 (May 28, 2024), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/708084/executive-order-24-101.pdf>; See Allen Cone, *Bobby Powell to resign state Senate seat in November, seeks special election*, WPTV Webpage, (April 15, 2024), available at <https://www.wptv.com/news/political/bobby-powell-to-resign-state-senate-seat-in-november-seeks-special-election#:~:text=Facebook,Bobby%20Powell%20to%20resign%20state%20Senate%20seat%20in%20November%2C%20seeks.set%20a%20special%20election%20date>.

⁴⁸ Executive Order 23-141 (July 19, 2023), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/707686/eo-23-141.pdf>

⁴⁹ Ryan Wyatt Turbeville, *State Rep Joe Harding Resigns after DOJ Indictment*, 20WCJB webpage (December 7, 2022), available at <https://www.wcjb.com/2022/12/07/doj-indicts-state-rep-harding-defrauding-government/>

⁵⁰ Executive Order 22-278 (December 19, 2022), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/706142/executive-order-22-278.pdf>

⁵¹ Executive Order 23-140 (July 19, 2023), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/706840/eo-23-140.pdf>

2022 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Senate (District 33)	Resignation (effective January 10, 2022)	July 28, 2021 ⁵²	October 27, 2021 ⁵³	91 days
State Representative (District 88)	Resignation (effective January 10, 2022)	July 28, 2021 ⁵⁴	October 27, 2021. ⁵⁵	91 days
State Representative (District 94)	Resignation (effective date January 11, 2022)	July 27, 2021 ⁵⁶	October 27, 2021 ⁵⁷	92 days
U.S. House of Representatives District 20)	Death (effective April 6, 2021)	April 6, 2021	May 6, 2021 ⁵⁸	30 days

2021 Special Elections

(None)

⁵² Compl., *Staples v. DeSantis*, No. 2021 CA 1781 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Oct. 15, 2021)

⁵³ Executive Order 21-224 (October 27, 2021), https://www.flgov.com/eog/sites/default/files/executive-orders/2024/EO_21-224.pdf

⁵⁴ Compl., *Staples v. DeSantis*, No. 2021 CA 1781 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Oct. 15, 2021)

⁵⁵ Executive Order 21-224 (October 27, 2021), https://www.flgov.com/eog/sites/default/files/executive-orders/2024/EO_21-224.pdf

⁵⁶ Compl., *Staples v. DeSantis*, No. 2021 CA 1781 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Oct. 15, 2021)

⁵⁷ Executive Order 21-224 (October 27, 2021), https://www.flgov.com/eog/sites/default/files/executive-orders/2024/EO_21-224.pdf

⁵⁸ Executive Order 21-103 (May 6, 2021), <https://files.floridadatos.gov/media/704305/executive-order-21-103.pdf>

2020 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Senate (District 20)	Resignation (effective date November 3, 2020)	May 29, 2020 ⁵⁹	June 1, 2020 ⁶⁰	3 days

2019 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Representative (District 7)	Resignation (effective January 11, 2019)	January 11, 2019 ⁶¹	January 24, 2019 ⁶²	13 days
State Representative (District 38)	Resignation (effective January 24, 2019)	January 24, 2019 ⁶³	January 24, 2019 ⁶⁴	0 days
State Representative (District 97)	Resignation (effective January 11, 2019)	January 11, 2019 ⁶⁵	January 24, 2019 ⁶⁶	13 days

⁵⁹ Gary White, *Florida Sen. Tom Lee resigning, leaving seat open*, The Ledger (May 29, 2020, 3:36 pm) available at <https://www.theledger.com/story/news/local/2020/05/29/florida-sen-tom-lee-resigning-leaving-seat-open/112580230/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epi=z113838v113838d--38--b--38--&gca-ft=230&gca-ds=sophi>

⁶⁰ Executive Order 20-136 (June 1, 2020), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/703166/executive-order-20-136.pdf>

⁶¹ *Representatives of the Florida House (2018 -2020)*, Florida House of Representatives webpage, (last visited 1/31/26), available at <https://flhouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx?LegislativeTermId=88>

⁶² Executive Order 19-20 (January 24, 2019), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/700564/executive-order-19-20-hd7-hd38-hd97-2019.pdf>

⁶³ *Representatives of the Florida House (2018 -2020)*, Florida House of Representatives webpage, (last visited 1/31/26), available at <https://flhouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx?LegislativeTermId=88>

⁶⁴ Executive Order 19-20 (January 24, 2019), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/700564/executive-order-19-20-hd7-hd38-hd97-2019.pdf>

⁶⁵ *Representatives of the Florida House (2018 -2020)*, Florida House of Representatives webpage, (last visited 1/31/26), available at <https://flhouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx?LegislativeTermId=88>

⁶⁶ Executive Order 19-20 (January 24, 2019), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/700564/executive-order-19-20-hd7-hd38-hd97-2019.pdf>

2018 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Senate (District 23)	Resignation (effective date November 6, 2018)	March 30, 2018 ⁶⁷	May 3, 2018 ⁶⁸	34 days
State Senate (District 25)	Resignation (effective November 6, 2018)	May 2, 2018 ⁶⁹	May 3, 2018 ⁷⁰	1 day.
State Representatives (District 39)	Resignation (effective November 24, 2017)	November 8, 2017 ⁷¹	November 28, 2017 ⁷²	20 days
State Representative (District 114)	Resignation (effective November 1, 2017)	November 1, 2017 ⁷³	November 9, 2017 ⁷⁴	8 days
State Senate (District 31)	Resignation (effective October 27, 2017)	October 27, 2017 ⁷⁵	November 6, 2017 ⁷⁶	11 days

⁶⁷ Peter Schorsch, 'Resign to run' bill signed into law, Florida politics (March 31, 2018), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/260196-resign-to-run-bill-signed-into-law/>

⁶⁸ Executive Order 18-127 (May 3, 2018), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/699481/executive-order-state-senate-23.pdf>

⁶⁹ Jim Rosica, *Joe Negron to leave Senate early*, Florida Politics (May 2, 2018), <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/262655-joe-negron-to-leave-senate-early/>

⁷⁰ Executive Order 18-126 (May 3, 2018), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/699478/executive-order-state-senate-25.pdf>

⁷¹ Peter Schorsch, *Neil Combee praises Richard Corcoran , others in resignation letter*, Florida Politics (November 8, 2017), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/249229-neil-combee-praises-richard-corcoran-others-resignation-letter/>

⁷² Executive Order 17-305 (November 28, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/698610/hd39-executive-order-17-305.pdf>

⁷³ Peter Schorsch, *Daisy Baez resigns over residency case, but GOP supermajority not assured.*, Florida Politics (November 1, 2017), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/248459-daisy-baez-resigns-residency/>

⁷⁴ Executive Order 17-296 (November 9, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/698539/executive-order-17-296.pdf>

⁷⁵ Peter Schorsch, *Jeff Clemens resigns from Florida Senate*, (October 27, 2017), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/248122-jeff-clemens-resigns-senate/>

⁷⁶ Executive Order 17-288 (November 6, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/698525/executive-order-17-288.pdf>

2017 Special Elections

Office	Vacancy Type	Time of Vacancy Notice	Order for Special Election	Time between vacancy and order to hold special election
State Representative (District 72)	Resignation (effective September 1, 2017)	August 24, 2017 ⁷⁷	September 1, 2017 ⁷⁸	8 days
State Representative (District 58)	Resignation (effective August 15, 2017)	July 25, 2017 ⁷⁹	August 1, 2017 ⁸⁰	7 days
State Representative (District 44)	Resignation (effective May 26, 2017)	May 8, 2017 ⁸¹	May 26, 2017 ⁸²	18 days
State Senate (District 40)	Resignation (effective April 21, 2017)	April 21, 2017 ⁸³	May 8, 2017 ⁸⁴	17 days
State Representative (District 116)	Resignation (effective September 26, 2017)	May 17, 2017 ⁸⁵	May 22, 2017 ⁸⁶	5 days

Litigation

In recent years, litigation has arisen in several cases, alleging that the Governor had failed to fulfil his statutory duty to timely call and set special primary elections and special elections upon vacancy of qualifying offices, leaving the petitioners and constituents of the effected jurisdiction without representation and seeking through a writ of mandamus, a court order, requiring the Governor to fulfill his ministerial and nondiscretionary statutory duty to schedule such special elections.⁸⁷ These cases would later be dismissed before reaching the merits because the

⁷⁷ Staff Reports, *Alex Miller resigns from House; James Buchanan seeks to replace her*, Florida Politics (August 24, 2017), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/243620-alex-miller-resigns/>

⁷⁸ Executive Order 17-234 (September 1, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/698234/executive-order-17-234.pdf>

⁷⁹ Staff Reports, *Dan Raulerson resigning from Florida House in August*, Florida Politics (July 25, 2017), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/242016-report-dan-raulerson-resigning-florida-house-august/>

⁸⁰ Executive Order 17-210 (August 1, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/698151/executive-order-17-210.pdf>

⁸¹ Scott Powers, *Eric Eismaugle makes House departure official*, Florida Politics (May 23, 2026), available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/238570-eric-eismaugle-makes-departure-house-representatives-official/>

⁸² Executive Order 17-162 (May 26, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/697854/executive-order-17-162.pdf>

⁸³ Matt Dixon, *Artiles formally resigns from state Senate*, Politico (4/21/2017), available at <https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2017/04/21/artiles-formally-resigns-from-senate-111425>

⁸⁴ Executive Order 17-147 (May 8, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/697813/executive-order-17-147.pdf>

⁸⁵ Jenna Buzzacoo-Foerster, *Jose Felix Diaz to resign from House as part of SD 40 bid*, (May 22, 2017) available at <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/238548-jose-felix-diaz-resign-house-part-sd-40-bid/>

⁸⁶ Executive Order 17-155 (May 22, 2017), <https://files.floridados.gov/media/697846/executive-order-17-155.pdf>

⁸⁷ See *Dowling v. DeSantis*, No. 9:21-cv-80796 (S.D. Fla. Apr. 29, 2021), (In this case, Congressman Alcee Hastings died in April 2021, creating a vacancy which required the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy. Twenty-three days

Governor after the suits were filed called and scheduled the special primary election and special election at issue.⁸⁸

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section One

The bill amends Subsections (1) and (2) of section 100.111, Florida Statutes by:

- Revising the timeframe for any person seeking to qualify for election to a vacant office that has a remainder of term 28 months or more left on its term by:
 - Requiring that if a vacancy in such office occurs before the ninth day before the first day set by law for qualifying for election to such office at the general election, then such person is required to qualify within the time prescribed by law for qualifying for those other offices to be filed by election at that same general election.⁸⁹
 - Requiring that if a vacancy in such office occurs before the primary election but on or after the ninth day before the first day set by law for qualifying, the Secretary of State must set dates for qualifying for the unexpired portion of the term of that office.
 - Requiring, rather than authorizing the Governor, if time does not permit for party nominations to be made in conjunction with the primary election, that the Governor **must** call a special primary election to select a party nominee for the unexpired portion of such term and, if necessary, a special election.
- Requiring the Governor to fix the dates of special primary elections and special elections within 14 days after the vacancy occurs.
- Requiring the Governor to consult with the Secretary of State and the applicable supervisor of elections before setting the special election dates.
- Requiring the Governor to schedule the earliest dates feasible to hold the special primary elections and special elections on specific certain days.

after Congressman Hastings death, a would-be candidate filed suit, seeking to compel the Governor to call an election to fulfil his duty under Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution and Fla. Stat. s. 100.111(2). The case was ultimately dismissed when a week later the Governor called an special election for January 11, 2022. Thirty days passed from the death of Congressman Hastings, creating the vacancy of his office, and the Governor ordering a special election be held. The actual date set for the special election, January 11, 2022, was more than nine months after Congressman Hastings' death); **Compl., Staples v. DeSantis, No. 2021 CA 1781 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Oct. 15, 2021)** (In this case, in July 2021, three legislators submitted resignations to run in the congressional special election. After the Governor had not called for the special elections of the three vacant legislative seats, residents of these districts petitioned the court for mandamus relief. The case would be dismissed after the Governor called for the special elections to fill the vacant legislative seats in dispute. Here over 90 days had lapsed from the vacancies in office having occurred to the Governor calling for special elections). **Order to Show Cause, Zamora v. DeSantis, No. 2023 CA 1857 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Ct. July 17, 2023)** (Here, the petitioner, a district resident, filed suit to compel the Governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy of a State House seat. The mater was dismissed when the Governor ordered special elections after the suit was filed, 38 days after the vacancy in office occurred); **Compl., Lippe v. DeSantis, No. 2025 CA 1856 (Fla. 2nd Jud. Cir. Sept. 30, 2025)** (Here, a vacancy occurred in a state Senate office, Petitioner, an elector of that district, filled a writ of mandamus seeking the court to compel the Governor to order a special election to fill the vacancy, which had not occurred within the 45 days previous to filing suit. This suit was later dismissed when the Governor ordered the special election to fill the vacancy, 73 days later).

⁸⁸ See *Cort Lippe v. Ron Desantis Governor Of Flori*, 372025CA001856 (Westlaw).

⁸⁹ See Florida Division of Elections Webpage, *Election Dates*, (last updated August 22, 2025), <https://dos.fl.gov/elections-for-voters/election-dates/> (A primary election is held 11 weeks before the general election. The general election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of ever even-numbered year. The Primary Election date for 2026 is August 18, 2026. The General Election date for 2026 is November 3, 2026).

- Revising and providing timeframes for special primary elections and special elections under certain circumstances:
 - Requiring that the fixed dates for the special primary election and special election must provide a minimum of 8 to 12 weeks between each election.
 - In cases where a vacancy occurs, involving a state Senator or state House member, less than 126 days before the first day of the Legislative Regular Session, requires the Governor, within 5 days after the vacancy occurs, to fix the dates for a special primary election and a special election to fill the vacancy. The dates set by the Governor must provide for at least 2 weeks between the special primary election and the special election and must ensure that both elections are held before the first day of the Regular Legislation Session to prevent a lapse of time in representation of constituents of that office.
 - Requiring that the special election must be held no later than 126 days after the vacancy occur, except, if a supervisor, where the special election will be held, certifies that holding the special election within the required time period would conflict with the scheduled elections and impose an undue hardship on the orderly administration of election, then the special election must be held no later than 175 days after the vacancy occurs.
 - Removing from current law, the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Senate, ability through agreement, to waive the minimum time frames proscribed, in cases where a vacancy occurs involving State Senators or House Members when the Legislature is in Regular Legislative Session.
 - Requiring the Governor, if possible, to fix dates for the special primary election and special election to coincide with scheduled elections.
 - Requiring a special election held to fill a vacancy caused by resignation submitted pursuant to section 99.012, Florida Statutes⁹⁰, must be held no later than the election for which the resigning officer seeks to qualify.
- Authorizing qualified electors to file a petition with the circuit court seeking judicial determination of a special election date if the Governor does not comply with the deadlines for ordering a special election.
 - Authorizing the circuit court, upon a finding that the Governor has failed to comply with deadlines of the bill, to fix and declare the earliest feasible and lawful dates for the special primary election and special election, consistent with the requirements of chapter 100 and the Florida Election Code.
 - Requiring the Court to expedite consideration of any petition filed under the subsection to ensure the timely filling of the vacancy and to safeguard the right of representation for voters within the affected districts.
- Providing that certain persons are deemed elected under specified circumstances:
 - Providing that if only one candidate qualifies in a special election, that candidate is deemed elected on the last day of the qualifying period.
 - Providing that if the winner of a special primary election does not have opposition in the special election, he or she is deemed elected at the special primary election.
 - Providing in either of the above cases, the person elected takes office upon election or upon the office becoming vacant, whichever occurs later.

⁹⁰ Referencing Florida's "Resign to Run" law.

Section Two

The bill amends subsection (1) of section 100.141, Florida Statutes by:

- Requiring, whenever a special election is required to fill any vacancy in office, the Governor:
 - To consult the Secretary of State and the supervisor of elections, of any affected county, before scheduling a special election.
 - After consultation with the Secretary of State and the supervisor of elections of any affected county, to issue an order declaring on what day the special primary election or special election will be held and deliver the order to the Department of State.
 - To issue the order within 14 days after the occurrence of the vacancy or, for vacancies arising due to a resignation pursuant to section. 99.012, Florida Statutes⁹¹ within 14 days after the written resignation is submitted to the Governor, whichever is sooner.

Section Three

This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

⁹¹ Referencing Florida's "Resign to Run" law. As previously mentioned, under this law, an office holder in order to run for another office that's term overlaps with his or her current term of office, must submit an **irrevocable** resignation letter.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

There may be an indeterminate fiscal impact on the government in regard to training and coming into compliance with shorter time periods required for preparing and holding such special primary and special elections. Although, any fiscal impact, most likely will be negligent, due to the fact that such primary special elections and special elections are already required to be held by law and have previously been ordered, scheduled, and held in specific instances in the past under the proscribed timelines of the bill.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 100.111, 100.141.

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.

By Senator Polsky

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30 scheduled election; requiring that special elections
31 to fill certain vacancies be held no later than the
32 election for which a resigning officer seeks to
33 qualify; providing that certain persons are deemed
34 elected under specified circumstances; making
35 technical changes; amending s. 100.141, F.S.;
36 requiring the Governor to consult with certain
37 supervisors of election, in addition to the Secretary
38 of State, before issuing an order declaring the date
39 of a special election; requiring that such order be
40 issued within a specified timeframe after the
41 occurrence of a vacancy; providing an effective date.

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

45 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 100.111,
46 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

47 100.111 Filling vacancy.—

48 (1)(a) If any vacancy occurs in any office which is
49 required to be filled pursuant to s. 1(f), Art. IV of the State
50 Constitution and the remainder of the term of such office is 28
51 months or longer, then at the next general election a person
52 must ~~shall~~ be elected to fill the unexpired portion of such
53 term, commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
54 following such general election.

55 (b) If such a vacancy occurs before prior to the ninth day
56 before the first day set by law for qualifying for election to
57 office at such general election, any person seeking nomination
58 or election to the unexpired portion of the term must shall

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59 qualify within the time prescribed by law for qualifying for
 60 other offices to be filled by election at such general election.

61 (c) If such a vacancy occurs before prior to the primary
 62 election but on or after the ninth day before the first day set
 63 by law for qualifying, the Secretary of State must shall set
 64 dates for qualifying for the unexpired portion of the term of
 65 such office. Any person seeking nomination or election to the
 66 unexpired portion of the term must shall qualify within the time
 67 set by the Secretary of State. If time does not permit party
 68 nominations to be made in conjunction with the primary election,
 69 the Governor must may call a special primary election to select
 70 party nominees for the unexpired portion of such term and, if
 71 necessary, a special election.

72 (2) Whenever there is a vacancy for which a special
 73 election is required pursuant to s. 100.101, the Governor, after
74 consultation with the Secretary of State, shall fix the dates of
 75 a special primary election and a special election within 14 days
76 after the vacancy occurs. Nominees of political parties shall be
 77 chosen under the primary laws of this state in the special
 78 primary election to become candidates in the special election.

79 (a) Before Prior to setting the special election dates, the
 80 Governor shall consult with the Secretary of State and the
81 supervisor of elections consider any upcoming elections in the
82 jurisdiction where the special election will be held. The dates
83 fixed by the Governor must shall be the earliest dates feasible,
84 must be specific days certain, and may shall not be established
85 by the happening of a condition or stated in the alternative.
 The dates fixed must shall provide a minimum of 8 2 weeks
87 between each election, but no more than 12 weeks. If a vacancy

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88 occurs in the office of state senator or member of the House of
 89 Representatives less than 126 days before the first day of the
 90 regular legislative session, the Governor must, within 5 days
 91 after the occurrence of the vacancy, fix the dates of a special
 92 primary election and a special election to fill the vacancy. The
 93 dates set by the Governor must provide for at least 2 weeks
 94 between the special primary election and the special election
 95 and must ensure that both elections are held before the first
 96 day of the regular legislative session to prevent a lapse in
 97 representation.

98 1. If the Governor fails to issue an order setting the
 99 dates of the special primary election and special election
 100 within the days prescribed in this subsection, any qualified
 101 elector residing within the affected district may file a
 102 petition in the circuit court having jurisdiction seeking
 103 judicial determination of such election dates.

104 2. Upon finding that the Governor has failed to comply with
 105 this subsection, the circuit court shall have the authority to
 106 fix and declare the earliest feasible and lawful dates for the
 107 special primary election and special election, consistent with
 108 the requirements of this chapter and the Florida Election Code.

109 3. The court shall expedite consideration of any petition
 110 filed under this subsection to ensure the timely filling of the
 111 vacancy and to safeguard the right of representation for voters
 112 within the affected district.

113 (b) The special election must be held no later than 126
 114 days after the vacancy occurs, except in the following cases:
 115 1. If a supervisor where the special election will be held
 116 certifies that holding the special election within the required

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 117 ~~time period would conflict with scheduled elections and impose~~
 118 ~~an undue hardship on the orderly administration of elections,~~
 119 ~~the special election must be held no later than 175 days after~~
 120 ~~the vacancy occurs.~~

121 ~~2. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of state~~
 122 ~~senator or member of the House of Representatives when the~~
 123 ~~legislature is in regular legislative session, the minimum times~~
 124 ~~prescribed by this subsection may be waived upon concurrence of~~
 125 ~~the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and~~
 126 ~~the President of the Senate. If a vacancy occurs in the office~~
 127 ~~of state senator and no session of the Legislature is scheduled~~
 128 ~~to be held prior to the next general election, the Governor may~~
 129 ~~fix the dates for the special primary election and for the~~
 130 ~~special election to coincide with the dates of the primary~~
 131 ~~election and general election.~~

132 ~~3. If a vacancy in office occurs in any district in the~~
 133 ~~state Senate or House of Representatives or in any congressional~~
 134 ~~district, and no session of the Legislature, or session of~~
 135 ~~Congress if the vacancy is in a congressional district, is~~
 136 ~~scheduled to be held during the unexpired portion of the term,~~
 137 ~~the Governor is not required to call a special election to fill~~
 138 ~~such vacancy.~~

139 ~~(c) If possible, the Governor must fix dates to coincide~~
 140 ~~with scheduled elections where the special election will be~~
 141 ~~held. A special election held to fill a vacancy caused by a~~
 142 ~~resignation submitted pursuant to s. 99.012 must be held no~~
 143 ~~later than the election for which the resigning officer seeks to~~
 144 ~~qualify.~~

145 ~~(d) (a) The dates for candidates to qualify in such special~~

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 146 ~~election or special primary election must shall be fixed by the~~
 147 ~~Department of State, and candidates must shall qualify no not~~
 148 ~~later than noon of the last day so fixed. The dates fixed for~~
 149 ~~qualifying must shall allow a minimum of 14 days between the~~
 150 ~~last day of qualifying and the special primary election.~~

151 ~~(e) (b) The filing of campaign expense statements by~~
 152 ~~candidates in such special elections or special primaries and by~~
 153 ~~committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the~~
 154 ~~results of such special primaries or special elections may shall~~
 155 ~~be not be later than such dates as shall be fixed by the~~
 156 ~~Department of State, and in fixing such dates the Department of~~
 157 ~~State shall take into consideration and be governed by the~~
 158 ~~practical time limitations.~~

159 ~~(f) (e) The dates for a candidate to qualify by the petition~~
 160 ~~process pursuant to s. 99.095 in such special primary or special~~
 161 ~~election shall be fixed by the Department of State. In fixing~~
 162 ~~such dates the Department of State shall take into consideration~~
 163 ~~and be governed by the practical time limitations. Any candidate~~
 164 ~~seeking to qualify by the petition process in a special primary~~
 165 ~~election must shall obtain 25 percent of the signatures required~~
 166 ~~by s. 99.095.~~

167 ~~(g) (d) The qualifying fees and party assessments of such~~
 168 ~~candidates as may qualify must shall be the same as collected~~
 169 ~~for the same office at the last previous primary for that~~
 170 ~~office. The party assessment must shall be paid to the~~
 171 ~~appropriate executive committee of the political party to which~~
 172 ~~the candidate belongs.~~

173 ~~(h) (e) Each county canvassing board shall make as speedy a~~
 174 ~~return of the result of such special primary elections and~~

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175 special elections as time will permit, and the Elections
176 Canvassing Commission likewise shall make as speedy a canvass
177 and declaration of the nominees as time will permit.

178 (i) If only one candidate qualifies in a special election,
179 he or she is deemed elected on the last day of the qualifying
180 period. If the winner of a special primary election does not
181 have opposition in the special election, he or she is deemed
182 elected at the special primary election. In either case, the
183 person elected takes office upon election or upon the office
184 becoming vacant, whichever occurs later.

185 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 100.141, Florida
186 Statutes, is amended to read:

187 100.141 Notice of special election to fill any vacancy in
188 office.--

189 (1) Whenever a special election is required to fill any
190 vacancy in office, the Governor, after consultation with the
191 Secretary of State and the supervisor of elections of any
192 affected county, shall issue an order declaring on what day the
193 election shall be held and deliver the order to the Department
194 of State. The Governor shall issue the order within 14 days
195 after the occurrence of the vacancy or, for vacancies arising
196 due to a resignation pursuant to s. 99.012, within 14 days after
197 the written resignation is submitted to the Governor, whichever
198 is sooner.

199 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.



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Chairman Gaetz,

I respectfully request that you place SB 460, relating to Special Elections on the agenda of the Committee on Ethics and Elections, at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kindest Regards,

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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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: SB 748

INTRODUCER: Senator Bracy Davis

SUBJECT: Notice of Restoration of Voting Rights Information on Sentencing Scoresheets

DATE: February 5, 2026 REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Vaughan	Stokes	CJ	Favorable
2. Roberts	Roberts	EE	Favorable
3. _____	_____	RC	_____

I. Summary:

SB 748 amends s. 921.0024, F.S., to require that sentencing scoresheets include a notice informing defendants about the impact of their sentence on voting rights.

Defendants must receive a copy of the scoresheet containing this notice before sentencing.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

In November 2018, nearly 65% of Florida voters approved Amendment 4, a constitutional amendment that automatically restored voting rights to most Floridians with past convictions who had completed the terms of their sentence. In June 2019, Governor DeSantis signed SB 7066 into law, prohibiting such people from voting until they pay off certain legal financial obligations imposed by a court.¹

In August 2019, the Governor sought an advisory opinion regarding the meaning of “upon completion of all terms of sentence” asking whether the phrase “all terms of sentence” encompasses legal financial obligations such as fines, restitution, court costs and fees. The Supreme Court of Florida issued an opinion that the phrase “all terms of sentence” has an ordinary meaning that the voters would have understood to refer not only to durational periods but also to all legal financial obligations imposed in conjunction with an adjudication of guilt.²

¹ The Brennan Center for Justice, Voting Rights Restoration Efforts in Florida, updated Nov. 18, 2024, available at: <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/voting-rights-restoration-efforts-florida> (last visited January 30, 2026).

² Advisory Opinion to the Governor re Implementation of Amendment 4, The Voting Restoration Amendment, 288 So. 3d 1070 (Fla. 2020).

A person has the option to petition a court to terminate, upon consent of the person or entity owed, a financial obligation or to convert such obligation to community service. If converted, the terms of the sentence are deemed complete when the person completes the community service.³

The State Constitution provides that no person convicted of a felony or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, is qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability. Any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction must be terminated and voting rights must be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation. However, a person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense is not qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.⁴

The uniform statewide voter registration application⁵ must contain a question as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony, and, if convicted, has had his or her civil rights restored. The convicted felon who has gained his or her rights back must not be made to divulge the existence of such a conviction when filling out an application. The affirmative statement required to be included in the application is: "I affirm I am not a convicted felon, or, if I am, my rights relating to voting have been restored."⁶

The Department of State (DOS) will apply the standards in s. 98.075(5), F.S.,⁷ to determine whether a felon is eligible to register or vote. The Supervisors of Elections are responsible for removing the name of any registered voter from the statewide voter registration system.⁸

Beginning November 28, 2024, people with felony convictions who are unsure about their eligibility may request an advisory opinion from the Division of Elections (Division) in the DOS. The Division must respond within 90 days to indicate whether a person is eligible or ineligible to register and to vote. Individuals can submit a form as a .PDF attachment by email to dos.generalcounsel@dos.myflorida.com or by mail or in person. When issuing an advisory opinion, the Division will apply the standards in s. 98.075(5), F.S., to determine whether a felon is eligible to register or vote. Therefore, if the felon has provided the required information and if the Division finds no credible and reliable information to indicate the felon is ineligible to

³ Section 98.0751(2)(a)5 e., F.S.

⁴ Section 4, Art. VI, the Florida Constitution.

⁵ Section 97.052, F.S. provides the DOS with the authority to prescribe by rule a uniform state voter registration application for use in this state.

⁶ Sections 97.052(2)(t), and 97.053(5)(a)6., F.S., further provide that this requirement is satisfied in the application with a mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, has had his or her civil rights restored.

⁷ Section 98.075, F.S. requires the DOS to ensure the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration records through the implementation of uniform, nondiscriminatory voter list maintenance in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The department is required to adopt by rule uniform standards and procedures to interpret and administer this section. This section details the methodology for determining whether a voter registration applicant is ineligible to vote by identifying duplicate registrations; deceased persons; adjudications of mental incapacity; felony convictions; and other bases for ineligibility. Section 97.075(7), F.S., further provides the procedures for removal of the voter from the voter registration rolls by providing notice to the voter of his or her potential ineligibility and affording the voter the opportunity to respond. All determinations of eligibility must be based on a preponderance of the evidence.

⁸ Section 98.035, F.S., provides for the implementation, operation, and maintenance of the statewide voter registration system, otherwise known as the Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS), by the Secretary of State as required by HAVA.

register or to vote, the Division will issue an opinion stating that the felon is eligible to register or to vote.⁹

Upon a felony conviction, the civil rights of such person must be suspended in Florida until such rights are restored by a full pardon,¹⁰ conditional pardon,¹¹ or restoration of civil rights¹² granted pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and s. 98.0751, F.S.¹³

Any person who has been convicted of a felony may be entitled to the restoration of all the rights of citizenship if the person has:¹⁴

- Received a full pardon from the Board of Executive Clemency;
- Served the maximum term of the sentence imposed upon him or her; or
- Been granted his or her final release by the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

Sentence Scoresheets

The Criminal Punishment Code (CPC)¹⁵ requires the use of scoresheets to determine sentencing points for felony offenses. The scoresheet calculates points based on factors such as the primary offense, additional offenses, victim injury, prior record, and other enhancements. These points establish the lowest permissible sentence under the CPC. Currently, the Department of Corrections is responsible for preparing scoresheets, which are reviewed by the court before sentencing. The CPC and scoresheet process aim to ensure uniformity and proportionality in sentencing across the state.

Sentencing scoresheets do not currently include any notice regarding voting rights restoration.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 748 amends s. 921.0024, F.S., to require that sentencing scoresheets include a notice informing defendants about the impact of their sentence on voting rights by referencing the provisions of section 98.0751, F.S. (Restoration of voting rights; termination of ineligibility subsequent to a felony conviction).

⁹ Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, *Felon Voting Rights*, updated July 10, 2024, available at: <https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/felon-voting-rights/> (last visited January 30, 2026).

¹⁰ A Full Pardon unconditionally releases a person from punishment and forgives guilt for any Florida convictions. It restores to an applicant all of the rights of citizenship possessed by the person before his or her conviction, including the right to own, possess, or use firearms. Florida Commission on Offender Review, *Types of Clemency*, available at: <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/clemency> (last visited January 16, 2026).

¹¹ An example of a conditional pardon is a pardon without firearm authority which releases a person from punishment and forgives guilty. It entitles an applicant all of the rights of citizen enjoyed prior to a conviction except the specific authority to own, possess, or use firearms. *Id.*

¹² The restoration of civil rights restores to an applicant all of the rights of citizenship in the State of Florida enjoyed prior to the felony conviction, except the specific authority to own, possess, or use firearms. Such restoration shall not relieve an applicant from the registration and notification requirement or any other obligations and restrictions imposed by law upon sexual predators or sexual offenders. *Id.*

¹³ Section 944.292, F.S.

¹⁴ Section 940.05, F.S.

¹⁵ Sections 921.002-921.0027, F.S. *See* chs. 97-194 and 98-204, L.O.F. The Code is effective for offenses committed on or after October 1, 1998.

The bill provides that defendants must receive a copy of the scoresheet containing this notice before sentencing.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The bill does not appear to require cities and counties to expend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified by Article VII, s. 18, of the State Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

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 the following section of the Florida Statutes: 921.0024

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.

By Senator Bracy Davis

15-01216-26

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to notice of restoration of voting
 3 rights information on sentencing scoresheets; amending
 4 s. 921.0024, F.S.; specifying information to be
 5 provided on sentencing scoresheets concerning
 6 restoration of voting rights; requiring that a
 7 scoresheet be provided to a defendant before a
 8 sentence is imposed; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

11 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to subsection
 12 (1) of section 921.0024, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;
 14 scoresheets.—

15 (1)

16 (c) NOTICE CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS:

17 Article VI, s. 4(a) and (b) of the Florida Constitution
 18 provide the following concerning voting rights:

19 SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

20 (a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this
 21 or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be
 22 qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil
 23 rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in
 24 subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting
 25 arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting
 26 rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of
 27 sentence including parole or probation.

28 (b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual

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30 offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil
 31 rights.

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 33 Section 98.0751 of the Florida Statutes provides the
 34 following concerning restoration of voting rights:

35 98.0751 Restoration of voting rights; termination of
 36 ineligibility subsequent to a felony conviction.—

37 (1) A person who has been disqualified from voting based on
 38 a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony
 39 sexual offense must have such disqualification terminated and
 40 his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of
 41 the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of his
 42 or her sentence, including parole or probation. The voting
 43 disqualification does not terminate unless a person's civil
 44 rights are restored pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State
 45 Constitution if the disqualification arises from a felony
 46 conviction of murder or a felony sexual offense, or if the
 47 person has not completed all terms of sentence, as specified in
 48 subsection (2).

49 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

50 (a) "Completion of all terms of sentence" means any portion
 51 of a sentence that is contained in the four corners of the
 52 sentencing document, including, but not limited to:

53 1. Release from any term of imprisonment ordered by the
 54 court as a part of the sentence;

55 2. Termination from any term of probation or community
 56 control ordered by the court as a part of the sentence;

57 3. Fulfillment of any term ordered by the court as a part
 58 of the sentence;

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59 4. Termination from any term of any supervision, which is
 60 monitored by the Florida Commission on Offender Review,
 61 including, but not limited to, parole; and
 62 5.a. Full payment of restitution ordered to a victim by the
 63 court as a part of the sentence. A victim includes, but is not
 64 limited to, a person or persons, the estate or estates thereof,
 65 an entity, the state, or the Federal Government.
 66 b. Full payment of fines or fees ordered by the court as a
 67 part of the sentence or that are ordered by the court as a
 68 condition of any form of supervision, including, but not limited
 69 to, probation, community control, or parole.
 70 c. The financial obligations required under sub-
 71 subparagraph a. or sub subparagraph b. include only the amount
 72 specifically ordered by the court as part of the sentence and do
 73 not include any fines, fees, or costs that accrue after the date
 74 the obligation is ordered as a part of the sentence.
 75 d. For the limited purpose of addressing a plea for relief
 76 pursuant to sub subparagraph e. and notwithstanding any other
 77 statute, rule, or provision of law, a court may not be
 78 prohibited from modifying the financial obligations of an
 79 original sentence required under sub subparagraph a. or sub-
 80 subparagraph b. Such modification shall not infringe on a
 81 defendant's or a victim's rights provided in the United States
 82 Constitution or the State Constitution.
 83 e. Financial obligations required under sub subparagraph a.
 84 or sub subparagraph b. are considered completed in the following
 85 manner or in any combination thereof:
 86 (I) Actual payment of the obligation in full.
 87 (II) Upon the payee's approval, either through appearance

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 89 in open court or through the production of a notarized consent
 90 by the payee, the termination by the court of any financial
 91 obligation to a payee, including, but not limited to, a victim,
 92 or the court.
 93 (III) Completion of all community service hours, if the
 94 court, unless otherwise prohibited by law or the State
 95 Constitution, converts the financial obligation to community
 96 service.
 97 A term required to be completed in accordance with this
 98 paragraph shall be deemed completed if the court modifies the
 99 original sentencing order to no longer require completion of
 100 such term. The requirement to pay any financial obligation
 101 specified in this paragraph is not deemed completed upon
 102 conversion to a civil lien.
 103 (b) "Felony sexual offense" means any of the following:
 104 1. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to
 105 registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.
 106 943.0435;
 107 2. Section 491.0112 [sexual misconduct by a
 108 psychotherapist];
 109 3. Section 784.049(3) (b) or (4) [sexual cyberharassment by
 110 a person with a prior sexual cyberharassment conviction or
 111 sexual cyberharassment when committed for the purpose of
 112 pecuniary or any other financial gain];
 113 4. Section 794.08 [female genital mutilation];
 114 5. Section 796.08 [criminal transmission of HIV];
 115 6. Section 800.101 [offenses against students by authority
 116 figures];

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117 7. Section 826.04 [incest];
 118 8. Section 847.012 [sale or distribution of material
 119 harmful to minors or using minors in production];
 120 9. Section 872.06(2) [abuse of a dead body];
 121 10. Section 944.35(3)(b)2. [sexual abuse of a prisoner];
 122 11. Section 951.221(1) [sexual misconduct between detention
 123 facility employees and inmates]; or
 124 12. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction
 125 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had
 126 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.
 127 (c) "Murder" means either of the following:
 128 1. A violation of any of the following sections which
 129 results in the actual killing of a human being:
 130 a. Section 775.33(4) [terrorism resulting in death].
 131 b. Section 782.04(1), (2), or (3) [murder].
 132 c. Section 782.09 [killing of unborn child by injury to
 133 mother].
 134 2. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction
 135 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had
 136 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.
 137 (3) (a) The department shall obtain and review information
 138 pursuant to s. 98.075(5) related to a person who registers to
 139 vote and make an initial determination on whether such
 140 information is credible and reliable regarding whether the
 141 person is eligible pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State
 142 Constitution and this section. Upon making an initial
 143 determination of the credibility and reliability of such
 144 information, the department [of State] shall forward such
 145 information to the supervisor of elections pursuant to s.

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146 98.075.
 147 (b) A local supervisor of elections shall verify and make a
 148 final determination pursuant to s. 98.075 regarding whether the
 149 person who registers to vote is eligible pursuant to s. 4, Art.
 150 VI of the State Constitution and this section.
 151 (c) The supervisor of elections may request additional
 152 assistance from the department [of State] in making the final
 153 determination, if necessary.
 154 (4) For the purpose of determining a voter registrant's
 155 eligibility, the provisions of this section shall be strictly
 156 construed. If a provision is susceptible to differing
 157 interpretations, it shall be construed in favor of the
 158 registrant.
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 160 (d) In order for a defendant to receive notice of the
 161 impact of his or her sentence on voter eligibility, each
 162 defendant must receive a copy of the scoresheet containing the
 163 notice in paragraph (c) before a sentence is imposed.

164 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Don Gaetz, Chair
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: January 26, 2025

Senate Bill #748 has been reported favorably by the Committee on Criminal Justice and now has been referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections. I respectfully request that Senate Bill #748, relating to Notice of Restoration of Voting Rights Information on Sentencing Scoresheets, be placed on the Ethics and Elections Committee agenda.

The bill amends Florida Statute § 921.0024 so that the sentencing scoresheet form provided to inmates prior to their sentence being imposed has a section indicating that their right to vote will be disqualified depending on the nature of their felony offense and that voting rights will be restored upon completion of their sentence (including probation and parole). This bill has no fiscal as it only adds a section to an existing electronic form.

This legislation is important because it promotes transparency, reduces confusion, and supports successful reentry by ensuring individuals clearly understand the status of their voting rights at the time of sentencing. By providing clear notice on the sentencing scoresheet, the state reinforces lawful participation, protects election integrity, and affirms that once a sentence is completed, individuals can fully rejoin their communities. Many states, including Texas, Georgia, and Arizona, already provide this notice as part of their sentencing or reentry process.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (321) 663-2057.



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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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: CS/SB 1180

INTRODUCER: Community Affairs Committee and Senator Arrington

SUBJECT: Community Development Districts

DATE: February 5, 2026 REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Tolmich	Fleming	CA	Fav/CS
2. Biehl	Roberts	EE	Favorable
3. _____	_____	FP	_____

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 1180 revises regulations affecting community development districts (CDDs) by establishing a recall process for governing board members, clarifying local authority over synthetic turf, and redefining “compact, urban, mixed-use districts.”

The bill creates a recall election process for CDD governing board members that largely mirrors existing procedures for municipalities and charter counties. It sets requirements for initiating a recall petition, specifies ballot language, addresses filling vacancies created by a recall, and establishes penalties for offenses related to the petition process.

Additionally, the bill clarifies that the prohibition on local government regulation of synthetic turf does not limit a CDD’s ability to enforce deed restrictions. It also expands the types of developments that can qualify as a “compact, urban, mixed-use district”, promoting higher-density, mixed-use projects, including affordable housing, in targeted urban areas.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

Regulation of Synthetic Turf

Synthetic turf is a manufactured product that resembles natural grass and is used as a surface for landscaping and recreational areas.¹ In 2025, the Legislature adopted ch. 2025-140, Laws of Florida, which directed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf on single-family residential properties one acre or less in size.² Currently, a rule providing such standards has been proposed and is awaiting adoption.³ Upon the adoption of such rule, a local government may not:

- Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, a property owner from installing synthetic turf that complies with DEP standards which apply to single-family residential property.
- Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is inconsistent with adopted DEP standards which apply to single-family residential property.⁴

Opportunity Zones

Opportunity Zones (OZ) are an economic development tool that allow people to invest in distressed areas in the U.S.⁵ Opportunity Zones were created under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017⁶ (OZ-1.0) to spur economic growth and job creation in low-income communities while providing tax benefits to investors.⁷ The One Big Beautiful Bill (2025) made the program a permanent part of the tax code and further refined the program (OZ-2.0)⁸ Beginning in 2017, Governors nominated up to 25% of census tracts with median family incomes of less than 80% of their general area or a poverty rate of 20% or higher⁹. In Florida, a total of 427 Qualified Opportunity Zones were designated, with at least one located in every county in the state.¹⁰ OZ-1.0 zones expire on December 31, 2028.¹¹ Starting July 1, 2026, new zones will be nominated by Governors and qualified by the U.S. Treasury by December 31, 2026, to take effect on January 1, 2027.¹²

¹ Section 125.572(1), F.S.

² Section 125.572(2), F.S. *See* Fla. Admin. Register, *Notice of Proposed Rule ch. 62-308.100* (Synthetic Turf) (January 2026), available at: <https://floridadep.gov/wra/wra/documents/proposed-rule-synthetic-turf-standards> (last visited January 27, 2026).

³ *See id.*

⁴ Section 125.572(3), F.S.

⁵ IRS, *Opportunity Zones*, available at: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/businesses/opportunity-zones> (last visited January 27, 2026).

⁶ *See* Public Law No. 115-97, available at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1/text> (last visited January 27, 2026).

⁷ *Supra* note 3.

⁸ FloridaCommerce, *Opportunity Zones Program*, available at: <https://floridajobs.org/business-growth-and-partnerships/for-businesses-and-entrepreneurs/business-resource/opportunity-zones-program> (last visited January 27, 2026).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

Recall Elections

Recall elections allow citizens to remove and replace a public official before the official's term of office ends.¹³ Typically, the recall process involves gathering a certain number of signatures on a petition within a specified amount of time.¹⁴ Recall elections have historically been used most frequently at the local level.¹⁵ Recall elections differ from impeachment in that impeachment typically requires a state legislature's lower chamber to bring specific charges and requires the upper chamber to act as the jury in an impeachment trial.¹⁶

The recall election process varies by state, however, the process generally follows the following steps:

- File an application to circulate a recall petition.
- Circulate a recall petition and gather a certain number of signatures within a specified period of time.
- Submit petitions to election officials for verification of signatures.
- If enough valid signatures are presented, hold a recall election.¹⁷

Recall of Municipal and Charter County Officer Governing Body Members

Current law provides for the recall of the members of the governing body of a municipality or charter county.¹⁸ A member of such governing body may be subject to recall if a petition alleging the grounds for recall is signed by a sufficient number of voters in the county or municipality in which the member was elected.¹⁹

If a sufficient number of voters sign the petition, the allegations, as well as the member's response to those allegations, are presented to the public in a document entitled "Recall Petition and Defense."²⁰ If a sufficient number of voters sign the "Recall Petition and Defense," a recall election is held.²¹

Special Districts

A "special district" is a unit of local government created for a particular purpose, with jurisdiction to operate within a limited geographic boundary.²² Special districts are created by general law, special act, local ordinance, or rule of the Governor and Cabinet.²³ A special district has only those powers expressly provided by, or reasonably implied from, the authority provided in the district's charter. Special districts provide specific municipal services in addition to, or in

¹³ National Conference of State Legislatures, *Recall of State Officials*, available at: <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/recall-of-state-officials> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ Section 100.361, F.S.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*

²² See *Halifax Hospital Medical Center v. State of Fla.*, et al., 278 So. 3d 545, 547 (Fla. 2019).

²³ See ss. 189.02(1), 189.031(3), and. 190.005(1), F.S. See generally s. 189.012(6), F.S.

place of, those provided by a municipality or county.²⁴ Special districts are funded through the imposition of ad valorem taxes, fees, or charges on the users of those services as authorized by law.²⁵

Special districts may be classified as dependent or independent based on their relationship with local general-purpose governments. A special district is classified as “dependent” if the governing body of a single county or municipality:

- Serves as governing body of the district;
- Appoints the governing body of the district;
- May remove members of the district’s governing body at-will during their unexpired terms; or
- Approves or can veto the budget of the district.²⁶

A district is classified as “independent” if it does not meet any of the above criteria or is located in more than one county, unless the district lies entirely within the boundaries of single municipality.²⁷

The Special District Accountability Program within the Department of Commerce is responsible for maintaining and electronically publishing the official list of all special districts.²⁸ This list includes all active special districts, as well as a separate list of those declared inactive.²⁹ According to the official list, as of January 20, 2026, the state had 2,087 special districts.³⁰ Special districts are governed generally by the Uniform Special District Accountability Act (USDAAA).³¹ The USDAAA centralizes provisions governing special districts and applies to the formation,³² governance,³³ administration,³⁴ supervision,³⁵ merger,³⁶ and dissolution³⁷ of special

²⁴ Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, *The Local Government Formation Manual*, 56, available at <https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Committees&CommitteeId=3304&Session=2025&DocumentType=General+Publications&FileName=Local+Government+Formation+Manual+%5b2024-2026%5d.pdf> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

²⁵ The method of financing a district must be stated in its charter. Sections 189.02(4)(g) and 189.031(3), F.S. Independent special districts may be authorized to impose ad valorem taxes as well as non-ad valorem special assessments in the special acts comprising their charters. *See, e.g.*, ch. 2023-335, s. 6 of s. 1, Laws of Fla. (East River Ranch Stewardship District). *See also, e.g.*, ss. 190.021 (community development districts), 191.009 (independent fire control districts), 197.3631 (non-ad valorem assessments), 298.305 (water control districts), 388.221 (mosquito control), ch. 2004-397, s. 27 of s. 3, Laws of Fla. (South Broward Hospital District).

²⁶ Section 189.012(2), F.S.

²⁷ Section 189.012(3), F.S.

²⁸ Section 189.061, F.S.

²⁹ Sections 189.061, 189.062(6), F.S.

³⁰ Florida Department of Commerce, *Official List of Special Districts*, available at: <https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/special-districts/special-district-accountability-program/official-list-of-special-districts> (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

³¹ Section 189.01, F.S. *See additionally* ch. 190, F.S. (community development districts), ch. 191, F.S. (independent special fire control districts), ch. 298, F.S. (water control districts), ch. 388, F.S. (mosquito control districts), and ch. 582, F.S. (soil and water conservation districts).

³² *See* sections 189.02 (creation of dependent special districts) and 189.031, F.S. (creation of independent special districts).

³³ *See* section 189.0311, F.S. (charter requirements for independent special districts).

³⁴ *See* section 189.019, F.S. (requiring codification of charters incorporating all special acts for the district).

³⁵ *See* section 189.0651, F.S. (oversight for special districts created by special act of the Legislature).

³⁶ Sections 189.071 and 189.074, F.S.

³⁷ Sections 189.071 and 189.072, F.S.

districts, unless otherwise expressly provided in law.³⁸ The USDA requires notice and publication of tentative budgets and final budgets.³⁹ Certain budget amendments are allowed up to 60 days following the end of the fiscal year.⁴⁰

Special districts do not possess “home rule” powers and may impose only those taxes, assessments, or fees authorized by special or general law. The special act creating an independent special district may provide for funding from a variety of sources while prohibiting others. For example, ad valorem tax authority is not mandatory for a special district.⁴¹

Community Development Districts

Community development districts (CDDs) are a type of independent special district intended to provide urban community services in a cost-effective manner by managing and financing the delivery of basic services and capital infrastructure to developing communities without overburdening other governments and their taxpayers.⁴² Districts consisting of 2,500 acres or more must be created by rule adopted by the Florida Cabinet acting as the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission,⁴³ whereas CDDs with less than 2,500 acres are created pursuant to county or municipal ordinance.⁴⁴ As of January 20, 2026, there are 1,076 active CDDs in Florida.⁴⁵

CDDs are authorized to provide infrastructure relating to water management and control; water supply, sewer and wastewater management, reclamation and reuse; bridges or culverts; and roads and street lights.⁴⁶ With the consent of the applicable local purpose government, a CDD may also be authorized to provide infrastructure for parks and other outdoor recreational, cultural, and educational facilities; fire prevention and control; school buildings and related structures; security; mosquito control; and waste collection and disposal.⁴⁷ The board may enter into contracts, borrow money, issue bonds, levy ad valorem taxes (subject to voter approval at a referendum),⁴⁸ levy special assessments and non-ad valorem taxes, adopt administrative rules pursuant to ch. 120, F.S., and exercise the power of eminent domain.⁴⁹

Each CDD is governed by a five-member board elected by the landowners of the district on a one-acre, one-vote basis.⁵⁰ Board members serve four-year terms, except some initial board members serve a two-year term for the purpose of creating staggered terms.⁵¹ After the sixth year (for districts of up to 5,000 acres) or the tenth year (for districts exceeding 5,000 acres or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district) following the CDD’s creation, each member of the board is

³⁸ See section 190.004, F.S. (Ch. 190, F.S. as “sole authorization” for creation of community development districts).

³⁹ Section 189.016(4), F.S.

⁴⁰ Section 189.016(6), F.S.

⁴¹ See ch. 2006-354, Laws of Fla. (Argyle Fire District may impose special assessments, but has no ad valorem tax authority).

⁴² Section 190.002(1)(a), F.S.

⁴³ Section 190.005(1), F.S.

⁴⁴ Section 190.005(2), F.S.

⁴⁵ *Supra* note 18.

⁴⁶ Section 190.012(1), F.S.

⁴⁷ Section 190.012(2), F.S.

⁴⁸ See section 190.021(1), F.S., and art. VII, s. 9, FLA CONST.

⁴⁹ Section 190.011, F.S.

⁵⁰ Section 190.006(2), F.S.

⁵¹ Section 190.006(1), F.S.

subject to election by the electors of the district at the conclusion of their term. However, this transition does not occur if the district has fewer than 250 (for districts of up to 5,000 acres) or 500 (for districts exceeding 5,000 acres or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district) qualified electors.⁵²

Compact, Urban, Mixed-Use Districts

A “compact, urban, mixed-use district” is a district located within a municipality and within a community redevelopment area, that consists of a maximum of 75 acres and has development entitlements of at least 400,000 square feet of retail development and 500 residential units.⁵³ Such districts are a specialized type of CDD that operate under the same laws as CDDs, except for certain provisions relating to the transition to the governing board members being elected by qualified electors of the district, rather than by the landowners. The goal of these districts is to provide a compact downtown, high intensity development, mixed uses, and arts and cultural facilities of varying intensities.⁵⁴ This pattern of development encourages walkable communities with access to transit and public services and spaces and creates environments where residents can live, work, and play.⁵⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Synthetic Turf Regulation

Section 1 amends s. 125.572, F.S., to provide that the prohibition on local governments from regulating synthetic turf on single-family residential property that complies with the Department of Environmental Protection’s standards does not apply to the adoption or enforcement of any resolution, order, rule, or policy by a community development district (CDD) to enforce deed restrictions.

Compact, Urban, Mixed-Use CDDs

Section 2 amends s. 190.003, F.S., to update the definition of “compact, urban, mixed-use district” to mean a district consisting of a maximum of 75 acres which is located within a municipality, and within a qualified opportunity zone designated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or a community redevelopment area⁵⁶ which district has development entitlements of:

- At least 400,000 square feet of retail development and 500 residential units; or

⁵² Section 190.006(3)(a)2.b., F.S.

⁵³ Section 190.003(7), F.S.

⁵⁴ See City of Marco Island, Ordinance 07-01, available at: <https://old.cityofmarcoisland.com/media/14561> (last visited January 29, 2026).

⁵⁵ University of Delaware, *Mixed-use development*, available at: <https://www.completecommunitiesde.org/mixed-use-development/> (last visited January 29, 2026).

⁵⁶ A “community redevelopment area” means a slum area, a blighted area, or an area in which there is a shortage of housing that is affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, or a coastal and tourist area that is deteriorating and economically distressed due to outdated building density patterns, inadequate transportation and parking facilities, faulty lot layout or inadequate street layout, or a combination thereof which the governing body designates as appropriate for community redevelopment. Section 163.340(10), F.S.

- At least 250,000 square feet of commercial development and 500 residential units that are affordable⁵⁷ for very-low income, low-income, or moderate-income persons.⁵⁸

CDD Recall Election Process

Section 3 creates s. 190.0071, F.S., to provide a recall election process to remove members of the governing bodies of CDDs. The bill applies to all CDDs and repeals all special law provisions that are contrary to the provisions of the bill.

The bill provides that any member elected to the governing body of a CDD may be removed from office by the electors of the CDD. If a member is elected at large in a district-wide election, then all electors of the CDD may sign the recall petition and vote in the recall election. If the member is from a single-member district, only the electors residing in that district may participate in the recall election.

The bill provides that the grounds for removal of a member of the governing body of a CDD is limited to:

- Malfeasance;
- Misfeasance;
- Neglect of duty;
- Drunkenness;
- Incompetence;
- Permanent inability to perform official duties; or
- Conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude.

The bill establishes requirements for the petition to initiate a recall election. The petition must contain the name of the person sought to be recalled and a statement of grounds for recall, which may not exceed 200 words. A separate recall petition must be prepared for each member sought to be recalled. The content of a petition may be provided by the proponent in alternative formats upon request. The petition must be signed by at least 10 percent of the total number of registered qualified electors of the CDD or a single-member district which the member represents. All signatures must be obtained within a period of 30 days. Only qualified electors of the CDD or single-member district the member represents are eligible to sign the petition and the signatures must contain specified information to verify the identity of the signatory.

The bill designates the circulators of the petition and those signing the recall petition as the recall committee. A specific person must be designated in the petition as the chair of the committee who acts on behalf of the committee.

All signed petition forms must be filed at the same time and within 35 days after the date on which the first signature is obtained on the petition. The chair of the committee must file the signed petition forms with the applicable clerk. After filing with the clerk, the petition and all

⁵⁷ See s. 420.602(3), F.S.

⁵⁸ See ss. 420.004, 420.602, and 420.9071, F.S., for the definitions of very-low income, low-income, and moderate-income persons.

subsequent papers or forms required to be filed with the clerk must be made available in alternative formats by the clerk upon request.

The petition may not be amended after it is filed with the clerk. The clerk must then submit the petition to the supervisor of elections within 60 days after the petition forms are filed. The supervisor of elections (SOE) is responsible for verifying the signatures and determining whether the required number of valid signatures have been obtained. The committee seeking verification of the signatures must pay the SOE the actual cost of signature verification in advance. If the CDD lies in more than one county, the clerk must submit each petition form to the respective SOE with jurisdiction over the elector that signed the individual petition.

If the SOE determines that the petition does not contain the required number of verified and valid signatures, the clerk, upon receipt of such written determination, must certify such determination to the governing body of the CDD and file the petition without taking any further action. No additional names may be added to the petition, and the petition may not be used in any other proceeding.

If the SOE determines that the petition has the required number of signatures, the clerk must immediately serve the member sought to be recalled a certified copy of the petition. If the CDD lies in more than one county, the SOE of each county must confer as to whether the required numbers of verified and valid signatures have been submitted and the SOE of the county in which the clerk is located must make a determination whether the petition has the required number of verified and valid signatures.

The member may file a defensive statement with the clerk not to exceed 200 words within five days after receipt of the petition. Within five days after the date of receipt of the defensive statement or after the last date a defensive statement could have been filed, the clerk must prepare a document entitled "Recall Petition and Defense," which contains the recall petition and copies of the originally signed petitions defensive statement, if any. The clerk must prepare a number of copies of the Recall Petition and Defense equal to 30 percent of the registered electors eligible to vote in the recall election. Immediately after preparing and making sufficient copies of the Recall Petition and Defense, the clerk must deliver the copies to the chair of the committee.

Upon receipt of the Recall Petition and Defense from the clerk, the committee may circulate the petition to obtain the signatures of 15 percent of the electors. All signatures must be obtained and all signed petition forms must be filed with the clerk within 60 days after the delivery of the Recall Petition and Defense to the chair of the committee. Within 30 days after receipt of the signed Recall Petition and Defense, the SOE must determine the number of valid signatures and certify whether 15 percent of the qualified electors of the CDD have signed the petition. The persons or committee seeking verification must pay the actual cost of signature verification to the SOE. If the CDD lies in more than one county, the SOE of each county must confer as to whether the number of valid signatures required have been submitted and the SOE of the county in which the clerk is located must make a determination whether the petition has the required number of verified and valid signatures.

If the SOE determines that the required number of signatures has not been obtained, the clerk must certify such determination to the governing body and retain the petitions, which may not be

used again, and the proceedings must be terminated. If the required signatures are obtained, the clerk must immediately serve notice of such determination to the member sought to be recalled and deliver a certificate to the CDD's governing body stating the percentage of signatures obtained. If the CDD lies in more than one county, the SOEs of each county must confer as to whether the total number of required signatures has been obtained.

If the member resigns within five days of being notified, the governing body of the CDD must fill the vacancy according to applicable law. Such resignation of a member is irrevocable. If the member does not resign, the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the CDD is located must set a day for holding a recall election for the removal of the member. The election must occur between 30 and 60 days after the five-day period the member has to resign and at the same time as any other general or special election held within that time. If no general or special election is already scheduled during that period, the judge must call a special recall election.

The bill provides the ballot language to be used in the recall election and provides procedures for filling the vacancies created by the recall election. If an election is held for the recall of members elected at-large, candidates to succeed such members for the unexpired terms must be voted on at the same election and must be elected in the same manner as provided by the applicable law for the election of candidates at general elections. Candidates may not be elected to succeed any particular member. If only one member is removed, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the vacancy. If more than one member is removed, candidates equal in number to the number of members removed shall be elected to fill the vacancies. The candidates who receive the greatest number of votes shall be elected for the longest terms.

If an election is held for the recall of members elected only from districts, the candidates succeeding such members for the unexpired terms must be voted on at a special election called by the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the districts are located between 30 and 60 days after the recall election. The qualifying period must be established by the chief judge of the judicial circuit after consultation with the clerk. Candidates must reside in the district represented by the recalled member and qualify for office in the manner required by law. Each candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office in the recall election shall be elected to fill the unexpired term of the recalled member. This procedure also applies if an election is held for the recall of members of the governing body composed of both members elected at large and elected by representing a district. If only one member is voted to be removed from office by such recall election, the vacancy created by the recall must be filled by the governing body according to the applicable law for filing vacancies.

If all of the members of a CDD are subject to a recall petition and resign before the recall election, the recall election must be canceled and a special election must be called to fill the unexpired terms of the resigning members.

A member of a CDD must have served one-fourth of their term of office before a petition to recall the member may be filed. A person who is removed by a recall or resigns after a petition has been filed against him or her, is not eligible to be appointed to the CDD's governing body for two years after the date of the recall or resignation.

The clerk must preserve all papers comprising or connected with a petition for recall for a period of two years after they are filed.

The bill also provides penalties for offenses related to the petition process. A person commits a second-degree misdemeanor punishable by law⁵⁹ for the following offenses:

- Impersonating another.
- Forging any name or purposely writing their name or residence falsely in the signing of any petition for recall.
- Signing any paper with knowledge that he or she is not a qualified elector of the CDD.
- Employing or paying another to accept employment or payment for circulating or witnessing a recall petition.

Section 4 amends s. 190.006, F.S., to specify that any board member elected to a CDD board of supervisors is subject to these recall procedures.

Section 5 provides an effective date of July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The bill does not appear to require counties and municipalities to expend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified by Article VII, s. 18, of the State Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

⁵⁹ Sections 775.082 or 775.083, F.S. A second-degree misdemeanor is punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days and a fine of up to \$500.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill may have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on local governments to the extent recall petitions are filed and special elections are necessary to fill any vacancies on CDD governing boards.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends sections 125.572, 190.003, and 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. This bill creates section 190.0071 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

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

CS by Community Affairs on January 27, 2026:

Regarding CDD recall petitions, the committee substitute requires a recall petition to be filed with the applicable clerk instead of the Department of Commerce, and clarifies the role of the clerk and supervisor of elections when a CDD lies in multiple counties.

The committee substitute also:

- Adds a new provision specifically authorizing CDDs to adopt or enforce regulations for synthetic turf on single-family properties in order to enforce deed restrictions, which is otherwise prohibited by current law.
- Adds a new provision amending the definition of “compact, urban, mixed-use district,” in ch. 190, F.S.
- Changes the title of the bill from “an act relating to community development district recall elections” to “an act relating to community development districts.”

B. Amendments:

None.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Arrington

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30 after it is filed; requiring the clerk to submit the
31 forms to the supervisor of elections to promptly
32 verify signatures and make a certain determination
33 within a specified timeframe; requiring the committee
34 to pay in advance for such verification; providing for
35 the duties of supervisors in each county if the
36 community development district lies in more than one
37 county; requiring that specified papers and forms be
38 available in alternative formats upon request;
39 requiring the clerk to make a certain certification
40 under specified circumstances; requiring the clerk to
41 serve a certified copy of the petition upon the person
42 sought to be recalled under a specified circumstance;
43 authorizing such person to submit a certain response
44 within a specified timeframe; requiring the clerk to
45 prepare a specified document within a specified
46 timeframe; specifying requirements for such document;
47 requiring the clerk to deliver such document to the
48 chair of the committee and take his or her receipt
49 therefor; authorizing the committee to circulate the
50 petition; requiring that all signatures be obtained
51 and all forms filed with the clerk within a specified
52 timeframe; requiring the supervisor to determine the
53 number of valid signatures and certify that the
54 requisite percentage of electors signed the petition;
55 requiring that the supervisor be paid a specified sum
56 for each name checked; providing for the duties of the
57 supervisor of each county if the community development
58 district lies in more than one county; requiring the

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59 clerk to certify specified determinations made and
 60 provide a certain notice to the governing body of the
 61 community development district; requiring that, under
 62 a specified condition, recall proceedings be
 63 terminated and petitions not be used again; providing
 64 that a member designated in the petition may resign
 65 and that such resignation is irrevocable; requiring
 66 the governing body to fill certain vacancies according
 67 to the applicable law; requiring the chief judge of
 68 the judicial circuit to fix a day for holding the
 69 recall election, which must be held within a
 70 prescribed timeframe under specified conditions;
 71 requiring that the ballots include specified
 72 information; prescribing procedures for holding
 73 special elections to fill vacancies created by the
 74 recall petition; providing for the filling of a
 75 vacancy created by a member resigning before the
 76 recall election; prohibiting a member from being the
 77 subject of a recall petition until the member has
 78 served a specified portion of his or her term of
 79 office; prohibiting a member removed by recall or
 80 resignation from being eligible to be appointed to the
 81 governing body for a specified timeframe after his or
 82 her removal; requiring the clerk to preserve the
 83 petitions and related papers for a specified
 84 timeframe; prohibiting a person from impersonating
 85 another, purposely writing his or her name or
 86 residence falsely, or signing any paper with certain
 87 knowledge; prohibiting a person from employing or

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88 paying another to accept payment for circulating or
 89 witnessing petitions; providing criminal penalties;
 90 providing legislative intent; providing applicability;
 91 amending s. 190.006, F.S.; providing that certain
 92 board members of community development districts are
 93 subject to specified election recall provisions;
 94 providing an effective date.

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

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 98 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 125.572, Florida
 99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 125.572 Regulation of synthetic turf.—
 101 (3) (a) Upon the Department of Environmental Protection
 102 adopting rules pursuant to subsection (4), a local government
 103 may not:
 104 1.(a) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order,
 105 rule, or policy that prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, a
 106 property owner from installing synthetic turf that complies with
 107 Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted
 108 pursuant to this section which apply to single-family
 109 residential property.

110 2.(b) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order,
 111 rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is
 112 inconsistent with the Department of Environmental Protection
 113 standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to
 114 single-family residential property.

115 (b) This subsection does not apply to the adoption or
 116 enforcement of any resolution, order, rule, or policy by a

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 117 ~~community development district to enforce deed restrictions.~~

118 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 190.003, Florida
 119 Statutes, is amended to read:
 120 190.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
 121 (7) "Compact, urban, mixed-use district" means a district
 122 consisting of a maximum of 75 acres which is located within a
 123 municipality, and within either a qualified opportunity zone
 124 designated by the United States Department of the Treasury
 125 pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 1400Z-1 or a community redevelopment
 126 area created pursuant to s. 163.356, which district that
 127 consists of a maximum of 75 acres, and has development
 128 entitlements of:

129 (a) At least 400,000 square feet of retail development and
 130 500 residential units; or
 131 (b) At least 250,000 square feet of commercial development
 132 and 500 residential rental units that are affordable for very-
 133 low-income, low-income, or moderate-income persons, as defined
 134 in s. 420.0004, s. 420.602, or s. 420.9071.

135 Section 3. Section 190.0071, Florida Statutes, is created
 136 to read:

137 190.0071 Community development district recall.—
 138 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
 139 (a) "Clerk," as the context requires, means:
 140 1. If the community development district was established by
 141 ordinance of a local general-purpose government pursuant to s.
 142 190.005(2), the clerk of such local general-purpose government.
 143 2. If the community development district was established by
 144 rule of the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission
 145 pursuant to s. 190.005(1), the clerk of the circuit court of the

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 146 ~~county that contains a majority of the qualified electors of the~~
 147 ~~district.~~

148 (b) "District" means the area or region of a community
 149 development district from which a member of the governing board
 150 is elected by such area's or region's electors.

151 (2) APPLICATION.—Any member of the governing body of a
 152 community development district who is elected to the governing
 153 body by the qualified electors of the community development
 154 district may be removed from office by the electors of the
 155 community development district. If the member represents a
 156 district and is elected only by electors residing in that
 157 district, only electors residing in that district are eligible
 158 to sign the petition to recall that member and are entitled to
 159 vote in the recall election. If the member represents a district
 160 and is elected at large by the electors of the community
 161 development district, all electors of the community development
 162 district are eligible to sign the petition to recall that member
 163 and are entitled to vote in the recall election. Members may be
 164 removed from office pursuant to the procedures provided in this
 165 section.

166 (3) RECALL PETITION.—

167 (a) Petition content.—A petition must contain the name of
 168 the person sought to be recalled and a statement of grounds for
 169 recall. The statement of grounds may not exceed 200 words, and
 170 the stated grounds are limited solely to those specified in
 171 paragraph (d). If more than one member of the governing body is
 172 sought to be recalled, regardless of whether such member is
 173 elected by the electors of a district or by the electors of the
 174 community development district at large, a separate recall

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175 petition must be prepared for each member sought to be recalled.
 176 Upon request, the content of a petition may be, but is not
 177 required to be, provided by the proponent in alternative
 178 formats.

179 (b) Requisite signatures.—The petition must be signed by at
 180 least 10 percent of the total number of registered electors of
 181 the community development district or of a district thereof. All
 182 signatures must be obtained as provided in paragraph (e) within
 183 a period of 30 days, and all signed and dated petition forms
 184 must be filed at the same time, no later than 35 days after the
 185 date on which the first signature is obtained on the petition.

186 (c) Recall committee.—Electors of the community development
 187 district making charges contained in the statement of grounds
 188 for recall, as well as those signing the recall petition, must
 189 be designated as the recall committee. A specific person must be
 190 designated in the petition as chair of the committee, and this
 191 person shall act on behalf of the committee. The recall
 192 committee and the officer being recalled are subject to chapter
 193 106.

194 (d) Grounds for recall.—The grounds for removal of elected
 195 members of the governing body of a community development
 196 district are, for the purposes of this act, limited to the
 197 following and must be contained in the petition:

- 198 1. Malfeasance;
- 199 2. Misfeasance;
- 200 3. Neglect of duty;
- 201 4. Drunkenness;
- 202 5. Incompetence;
- 203 6. Permanent inability to perform official duties; or

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204 7. Conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude.
 205 (e) Signature process.—Only electors of the district or the
 206 community development district are eligible to sign the
 207 petition. Each elector signing a petition shall sign and date
 208 his or her name in ink or indelible pencil. Each petition must
 209 contain appropriate lines for each elector's original signature;
 210 printed name; street address; city; county; voter registration
 211 number or date of birth; Florida driver license number, Florida
 212 identification card number issued pursuant to s. 322.051, or the
 213 last four digits of the elector's social security number; and
 214 the date signed.

215 (f) Filing of signed petitions.—All signed petition forms
 216 must be filed at the same time, no later than 35 days after the
 217 date on which the first signature is obtained on the petition.
 218 The person designated as chair of the committee shall file the
 219 signed petition forms with the clerk. The petition may not be
 220 amended after it is filed with the clerk.

221 (g) Verification of signatures.—
 222 1. No more than 60 days after the date on which all
 223 petition forms are filed, the clerk shall submit the petition
 224 forms to the supervisor of elections, who shall promptly verify
 225 the signatures in accordance with s. 99.097 and determine
 226 whether the requisite number of valid signatures has been
 227 obtained for the petition. The committee seeking verification of
 228 the signatures must pay in advance to the supervisor of
 229 elections the actual cost of signature verification. If the
 230 community development district lies in more than one county, the
 231 clerk shall submit each petition form to the respective
 232 supervisor of elections with jurisdiction over the elector that

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233 signed the individual petition.

234 2. Upon filing with the clerk, the petition and all
 235 subsequent papers or forms required or permitted to be filed
 236 with the clerk in connection with this section must, upon
 237 request, be made available in alternative formats by the clerk.

238 3. If the supervisor determines that the petition does not
 239 contain the requisite number of verified and valid signatures,
 240 the clerk, upon receipt of such written determination, must
 241 certify such determination to the governing body of the
 242 community development district and file the petition without
 243 taking further action, and the matter ends. No additional names
 244 may be added to the petition, and the petition may not be used
 245 in any other proceeding.

246 4. If the supervisor of elections determines that the
 247 petition has the requisite number of verified and valid
 248 signatures, the procedures outlined in subsection (4) must be
 249 followed. If the community development district lies in more
 250 than one county, the supervisor of elections of each county
 251 shall confer as to whether the requisite numbers of verified and
 252 valid signatures have been submitted and the supervisor of
 253 elections of the county in which the clerk is located shall make
 254 a determination whether the petition has the requisite number of
 255 verified and valid signatures.

256 (4) RECALL PETITION AND DEFENSE.-

257 (a) Notice.-Upon receipt of a written determination that
 258 the requisite number of signatures has been obtained, the clerk
 259 shall at once serve upon the member sought to be recalled a
 260 certified copy of the petition. Within 5 days after service, the
 261 member sought to be recalled may file with the clerk a defensive

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262 statement of not more than 200 words.

263 (b) Content and preparation.-Within 5 days after the date
 264 of receipt of the defensive statement or after the last date a
 265 defensive statement could have been filed, the clerk shall
 266 prepare a document entitled "Recall Petition and Defense," which
 267 consists of the recall petition, including copies of the
 268 originally signed petitions and counterparts. The Recall
 269 Petition and Defense must contain lines that conform to
 270 paragraph (3)(e) and the defensive statement or, if no defensive
 271 statement has been filed, a statement to that effect. The clerk
 272 shall make copies of the Recall Petition and Defense which are
 273 sufficient to carry the signatures of 30 percent of the
 274 registered electors. Immediately after preparing and making
 275 sufficient copies of the Recall Petition and Defense, the clerk
 276 shall deliver the copies to the person designated as chair of
 277 the committee and take his or her receipt therefor.

278 (c) Requisite signatures.-Upon receipt of the Recall
 279 Petition and Defense, the committee may circulate the petition
 280 to obtain the signatures of 15 percent of the electors. All
 281 signatures must be obtained and all signed petition forms filed
 282 with the clerk no later than 60 days after delivery of the
 283 Recall Petition and Defense to the chair of the committee.

284 (d) Verification of signatures.-Within 30 days after
 285 receipt of the signed Recall Petition and Defense, the
 286 supervisor of elections shall determine the number of valid
 287 signatures and certify whether 15 percent of the qualified
 288 electors of the community development district have signed the
 289 petition. The supervisor of elections must be paid by the
 290 persons or committee seeking verification the actual cost of

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291 signature verification. If the community development district
 292 lies in more than one county, the supervisor of elections of
 293 each county shall confer as to whether the number of valid
 294 signatures required have been submitted. The supervisor of
 295 elections of the county in which the clerk is located shall make
 296 a determination whether the petition has the requisite number of
 297 verified and valid signatures.

298 (e) Reporting.—If the supervisor of elections determines
 299 that the requisite number of signatures has not been obtained,
 300 the clerk must certify such determination to the governing body
 301 and retain the petitions. The proceedings must be terminated,
 302 and the petitions may not be used again. If the supervisor of
 303 elections determines that at least 15 percent of the qualified
 304 electors signed the petition, the clerk must immediately serve
 305 notice of that determination upon the member sought to be
 306 recalled and deliver to the governing body a certificate as to
 307 the percentage of qualified electors who signed. If the
 308 community development district lies in more than one county, the
 309 supervisor of elections of each county shall confer as to
 310 whether the total number of requisite signatures has not been
 311 obtained.

312 (5) RECALL ELECTION.—If the member designated in the
 313 petition files his or her written resignation within 5 days
 314 after the last-mentioned notice, the resignation is irrevocable.
 315 The governing body shall then proceed to fill the vacancy
 316 according to the applicable law. In the absence of a
 317 resignation, the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which
 318 the community development district is located shall fix a day
 319 for holding a recall election for the removal of any member not

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320 resigning. Any such election must be held not less than 30 days
 321 or more than 60 days after the expiration of the last-mentioned
 322 5-day period and at the same time as any other general or
 323 special election held within the period; but if no such election
 324 is to be held within that period, the judge must call a special
 325 recall election to be held within the period aforesaid.

326 (6) BALLOTS.—The ballots at the recall election must
 327 conform to the following: With respect to each person whose
 328 removal is sought, the question must be submitted: "Shall
 329 be removed from the office of by recall?" Immediately
 330 following each question there must be printed on the ballots the
 331 two propositions in the following order:

332 "....(name of person).... should be removed from office."
 333 "....(name of person).... should not be removed from office."

334 (7) FILLING OF VACANCIES; SPECIAL ELECTIONS.—
 335 (a) If an election is held for the recall of members
 336 elected only at large, candidates to succeed such members for
 337 the unexpired terms must be voted on at the same election and
 338 must be elected in the same manner as provided by the
 339 appropriate law for the election of candidates at general
 340 elections. Candidates may not be elected to succeed any
 341 particular member. If only one member is removed, the candidate
 342 receiving the highest number of votes must be declared elected
 343 to fill the vacancy. If more than one member is removed,
 344 candidates equal in number to the number of members removed must
 345 be declared elected to fill the vacancies; and, among the
 346 successful candidates, those receiving the greatest number of
 347 votes must be declared elected for the longest terms. Cases of
 348 ties, and all other matters not herein specially provided for,

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349 must be determined by the rules governing elections generally.

350 (b) If an election is held for the recall of members

351 elected only from districts, candidates to succeed such members

352 for the unexpired terms must be voted on at a special election

353 called by the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the

354 districts are located not less than 30 days or more than 60 days

355 after the expiration of the recall election. The qualifying

356 period, for purposes of this section, must be established by the

357 chief judge of the judicial circuit after consultation with the

358 clerk. Any candidate seeking election to fill the unexpired term

359 of a recalled community development district member must reside

360 in the district represented by the recalled member and qualify

361 for office in the manner required by law. Each candidate

362 receiving the highest number of votes for each office in the

363 community development district recall election must be declared

364 elected to fill the unexpired term of the recalled member.

365 Candidates seeking election to fill a vacancy created by the

366 removal of a member are subject to chapter 106.

367 (c) If an election is held for the recall of members of the

368 governing body composed of both members elected at large and

369 elected by and representing a district, candidates to succeed

370 such members for the unexpired terms must be voted on at a

371 special election as provided in paragraph (b).

372 (d) In any recall election held pursuant to paragraph (b)

373 or paragraph (c), if only one member is voted to be removed from

374 office, the vacancy created by the recall must be filled by the

375 governing body according to the applicable law for filling

376 vacancies.

377 (8) EFFECT OF RESIGNATIONS.—If the member of the governing

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379 body being recalled resigns from office before the recall

380 election, the remaining members must fill the vacancy created

381 according to the applicable law for filling vacancies. If all of

382 the members of the governing body are sought to be recalled and

383 all of the members resign before the recall election, the recall

384 election must be canceled, and a special election must be called

385 to fill the unexpired terms of the resigning members. If all of

386 the members of the governing body are sought to be recalled and

387 any of the members resign before the recall election, the

388 proceedings for the recall of members not resigning and the

389 election of successors to fill the unexpired terms must continue

390 and have the same effect as though there had been no

391 resignation.

392 (9) WHEN PETITION MAY BE FILED.—A petition to recall any

393 member of the governing body of a community development district

394 may not be filed until the member has served one-fourth of his

395 or her term of office. A person who is removed by a recall, or

396 resigns after a petition has been filed against him or her, is

397 not eligible to be appointed to the governing body within a

398 period of 2 years after the date of such recall or resignation.

399 (10) RETENTION OF PETITION.—The clerk shall preserve all

400 papers comprising or connected with a petition for recall for a

401 period of 2 years after they are filed.

402 (11) OFFENSES RELATING TO PETITIONS.—A person may not

403 impersonate another, purposely write his or her name or

404 residence falsely in the signing of any petition for recall or

405 forge any name thereto, or sign any paper with knowledge that he

406 or she is not a qualified elector of the community development

district. A person may not employ or pay another to accept

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407 employment or payment for circulating or witnessing a recall
408 petition. A person who violates this section commits a
409 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
410 775.082 or s. 775.083.

411 (12) INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature that the
412 recall procedures provided in this section be uniform statewide.
413 Therefore, all special law provisions that are contrary to the
414 provisions of this section are hereby repealed to the extent of
415 this conflict.

416 (13) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of this section apply to
417 all community development districts.

418 Section 4. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (3) of
419 section 190.006, Florida Statutes, to read:

420 190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.—

421 (3)

422 (e) Any board member elected to the board of supervisors by
423 the qualified electors of the district pursuant to this
424 subsection is subject to the recall procedures provided for in
425 s. 190.0071.

426 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.



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January 29, 2026

The Honorable Don Gaetz, Chair
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Dear Chair Gaetz,

I am respectfully requesting that you place CS/SB 1180, Community Development District Recall Elections, on the agenda for the next Ethics and Elections Committee meeting at your earliest opportunity.

CS/SB 1180 establishes a recall process for Community Development District (CDD) board members. This recall process closely follows that of municipalities, as CDD board members are publicly elected. This legislation aims to increase transparency for special-purpose local governments that currently have no oversight. SB 1180 also provides clear, uniform guidelines that supervisors of elections can easily administer, while remaining flexible to account for the wide variation in size, population, and structure of CDDs across the state.

This bill was inspired by a CDD in my district that is currently under audit by JLAC for gross negligence and fraud of \$2 million. Currently, removal typically occurs only after law enforcement becomes involved and a lengthy investigative or legal process is underway. During that time, individuals accused of misconduct may remain in office, continue to make financial decisions, and retain control over community funds.

CS/SB 1180 is about protecting homeowners, strengthening transparency, and ensuring that community funds are managed responsibly and in the best interest of the residents they are meant to serve.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach me at (407) 973-4070. Thank you for your consideration in placing CS/SB 1180 on the next committee agenda.

Respectfully,

Senator Kristen Arrington

CC: The Honorable Mack Bernard, Vice Chair
Dawn Roberts, Staff Director

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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: CS/SB 1334

INTRODUCER: Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Grall

SUBJECT: Elections

DATE: February 6, 2026

REVISED: _____

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 1334 makes various revisions to election laws, including:

- Revising voter registration processes to elicit additional citizenship information from voters, require documentation of citizenship status, and require the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to verify a voter registration applicant's status as a U.S. citizen.
- Expanding voter list maintenance requirements to prescribe additional actions governmental entities must take to identify registered voters who may not be U.S. citizens, and to require supervisors of elections to conduct notice and voter registration removal proceedings for such persons.
- Revising definitions related to ballots and voting systems, authorizing the use of ballot-on-demand technology for production of early voting ballots, and specifying that voting must be done by paper ballot unless a voter requests to use a voter interface device.
- Authorizing an office of the supervisor to close for other federal, state, or local-approved holidays, in addition to legal holidays, if the supervisor's duties do not otherwise require the office to remain open.
- Providing a substantive prohibition against qualifying for nomination as a candidate for a political party if the person has not been a member of the party for the 365 days preceding the qualifying period, as well as a substantive prohibition against qualifying as a candidate with no party affiliation if the person has not been registered without party affiliation for the 365 days preceding the qualifying period.

- Providing that a person may not qualify as a candidate if he or she has, in the 365 days preceding the qualifying period, changed his or her name via the general statutory petition process.
- Revising the time at which the Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet and clarifying existing election returns reporting requirements.
- Prescribing a five-year statute of limitations for a prosecution for a felony violation of the Florida Election Code.

The bill also requires that:

- By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida identification card issued to a U.S. citizen must include the person's legal citizenship status.
- The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must, at no charge, issue a renewal or replacement Florida driver license or Florida identification card if a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status upon becoming a U.S. citizen.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. **Present Situation:**

Department of State/Division of Elections

The Secretary of State,¹ Florida's Chief Elections Officer,² has the responsibility to:

- Obtain and maintain uniformity in the interpretation and implementation of the election laws.
- Provide uniform standards for the proper and equitable implementation of the registration laws.
- Actively seek out and collect the data and statistics necessary to knowledgeably scrutinize the effectiveness of election laws.
- Provide technical assistance to the supervisors of elections on voting systems and on voter education and election personnel training services.
- Provide voter education assistance to the public.
- Coordinate the state's responsibilities under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).
- Provide training to all affected state agencies on necessary procedures for proper implementation of voter registration laws.
- Ensure that all registration applications and forms prescribed or approved by the Department of State (DOS) are in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the NVRA.
- Create and administer a statewide voter registration system as required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- Maintain a voter fraud hotline and provide election fraud education to the public.
- Designate an office within the DOS, and coordinate with the United States Department of Defense, to provide information regarding and administer voting by armed services members.

¹ Section 20.10(1), F.S. The head of the Department of State is the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

² Section 97.012, F.S. *See also* s. 97.035, F.S.

- Bring and maintain such actions at law or in equity by mandamus or injunction to enforce the performance of any duties of a county supervisor of elections or any official performing duties with respect to chs. 97-102 and 105, F.S., or to enforce compliance with a DOS election-related rule.

The Department of State's Division of Elections (division)³ provides administrative support to the Secretary of State to ensure that Florida has fair and accurate elections.⁴ The division consists of three bureaus – the Bureau of Election Records, the Bureau of Voter Registration Services, and the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification. Through these bureaus and the Director's Office,⁵ the division ensures compliance with the election laws, provides statewide coordination of election administration, and promotes public participation in the electoral process. The division also assists county supervisors of elections in their duties, including providing technical support.

Supervisors of Elections

Supervisors of elections are county constitutional officers⁶ responsible for registering voters, maintaining current and accurate voter registration rolls, and conducting elections.

Additional Current Law

See "Effect of Proposed Changes."

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Voter Registration (Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7)

Present Situation

Eligibility of an Applicant for Voter Registration

A person may become registered to vote only if that person:

- Is at least 18 years of age.
- Is a citizen of the U.S.
- Is a legal resident of the State of Florida.
- Is a legal resident of the county in which that person seeks to be registered.
- Registers pursuant to the Florida Election Code.⁷

The following persons, who might be otherwise qualified, are not entitled to register or vote:

- A person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in this or any other state and who has not had his or her right to vote restored.

³ Section 20.10(2)(a), F.S.

⁴ See Department of State, Division of Elections, "About Us," available at <https://dos.fl.gov/about-the-department/> (last visited February 2, 2026).

⁵ *Id.* The mission of the Director's Office is to provide statewide coordination and direction for the interpretation and enforcement of election laws and to provide supervision to the division's bureaus.

⁶ Article VIII, s. 1(d), FLA. CONST.

⁷ Section 97.041(1)(a), F.S.

- A person who has been convicted of any felony by any court of record and who has not had his or her right to vote restored.⁸

Uniform Statewide Voter Registration Application

Current law requires Florida's voter registration application to elicit the following information from an applicant:

- Last, first, and middle name, including any suffix.
- Date of birth.
- Address of legal residence.
- Mailing address, if different.
- E-mail addresses and whether the applicant wishes to receive sample ballots by e-mail.
- County of legal residence.
- Race or ethnicity that best describes the applicant.
- State or country of birth.
- Sex.
- Party affiliation.
- Whether the applicant needs assistance in voting.
- An indication, if applicable, that the applicant has not been issued a Florida driver license, a Florida identification card, or a social security number.
- Telephone number (optional).⁹
- Signature of the applicant under penalty for false swearing.¹⁰
- Whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States by asking the question "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?" and providing boxes for the applicant to check whether the applicant is or is not a U.S. citizen.
- Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if so, has had his or her voting rights restored by including the statement "I affirm that I am not a convicted felon or, If I am, my right to vote has been restored," and providing a box for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.
- Whether the applicant has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to vote restored by including the statement "I affirm I have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, or, if I have my competency has been restored," and providing a box for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

The voter application also must contain the following constitutionally required oath:¹¹

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, and that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.¹²

Acceptance of Voter Registration Application

⁸ Section 97.041(2), F.S.

⁹ Section 97.052(2), F.S.

¹⁰ See s. 104.011, F.S., for penalties for false swearing.

¹¹ Section 97.052(3)(a), F.S.

¹² Article VI, s. 3, FLA. CONST.; see also s. 97.051, F.S.

A voter registration application is complete and becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant when all information necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility¹³ is received by a voter registration official and verified.

If the applicant fails to complete his or her voter registration application prior to the date of book closing for an election, then such applicant is not eligible to vote in that election.¹⁴

If a completed voter registration application has been received by the book-closing deadline but the applicant's driver license number, Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the provided social security number cannot be verified, the applicant must be notified and must provide evidence to the supervisor to verify the number. If the applicant provides the necessary evidence, the supervisor must place the applicant's name on the registration rolls as an active voter. If the applicant has not provided the necessary evidence or the number has not otherwise been verified prior to the applicant presenting himself or herself to vote, the applicant must vote a provisional ballot.¹⁵ The provisional ballot will be counted only if the number is verified by 5 p.m. of the second day following the election.¹⁶

All voter registration applications received by a voter registration official must be entered into the statewide voter registration system within 13 days after receipt.¹⁷

Statewide Voter Registration System and Online Voter Registration System

The Secretary of State, supported by the DOS, is responsible for implementing, operating, and maintaining a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive, and computerized statewide voter registration system (known as the Florida Voter Registration System, or FVRS).¹⁸ The FVRS serves as the official list of registered voters in the state and must:

- Contain the names and registration information of every legally registered voter in the state and assign each voter a unique identifier.
- Enable voter registration officials to provide, access, and update voter registration information.¹⁹

¹³ Section 97.053(5), F.S., provides that voter registration application is complete if it contains the following information of an applicant: name; address of legal residence; date of birth; affirmation of U.S. citizenship; current and valid Florida driver license, identification card, or last four digits of social security number; affirmation of no felony convictions or that voting rights have been restored; affirmation of not being adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that voting rights have been restored; and original signature or digital signature transmitted to DHSMV swearing under the penalty of false swearing.

¹⁴ Section 97.053(2), F.S. The voter registration books must be closed on the 29th day before each election and must remain closed until after that election. If an election is called and there are fewer than 29 days before that election, the registration books must be closed immediately. Section 97.055, F.S.

¹⁵ "Provisional ballot" means a conditional ballot, the validity of which is determined by the canvassing board (s. 97.021(32), F.S.). A provisional ballot is provided to a voter for whom a final determination of eligibility (for any reason) has not been made. A person casting a provisional ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of election by not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election. Section 101.048, F.S.

¹⁶ Section 97.053(6), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 97.053(7), F.S.

¹⁸ Section 98.035, F.S.

¹⁹ *Id.*

The Online Voter Registration System (OVRS) is the internet website supported by the DOS, where an applicant may submit a voter registration application, update his or her voting record, and submit information necessary to establish his or her eligibility to vote.²⁰ The OVRS has the capability to compare the Florida driver license number or Florida identification number submitted with information maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to confirm that the name and date of birth on the application are consistent with the records of the DHSMV.²¹ If the applicant's name and date of birth are consistent with the records of the DHSMV, the OVRS transmits the applicant's registration application, along with the digital signature of the applicant on file with the DHSMV, to the supervisor.²² If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be verified by the records of the DHSMV, or if the applicant indicated that he or she has not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card, the OVRS must populate the applicant's information into a printable voter registration application and direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application and deliver the application to the supervisor for disposition.²³ Upon submission of a completed OVRS application, the website must generate an immediate electronic confirmation that the supervisor has received the application and provide instructions regarding the ability of a registrant to check the status of the application.²⁴

National Voter Registration Act of 1993

Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) in 1993²⁵ "to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office," while also ensuring "that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained."²⁶ The NVRA requires, among other things, that each a state allow a driver's license application, or a renewal application, submitted to a state motor vehicle authority to also serve as a voter registration application with respect to elections for Federal office, unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application.²⁷ A voter registration application submitted to a state motor vehicle authority by a person who has already registered to vote is considered as updating the person's voter registration.²⁸

In addition to voter registration at the time of drivers' license applications, the NVRA requires states to provide two more forms of voter registration procedures for federal elections – federal mail-in voter registration applications and voter registration at public assistance agencies and other state-designated offices.²⁹

Duties of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

²⁰ Section 97.0525(2), F.S.

²¹ Section 97.0525(4)(a), F.S.

²² Section 97.0525(4)(b), F.S.

²³ Section 97.0525(4)(c), F.S.

²⁴ Section 97.0525(5), F.S.

²⁵ National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31.

²⁶ 52 U.S.C. § 20501.

²⁷ 52 U.S.C. § 20504(a)(1). This provision of the NVRA has given the act the colloquial designation by which the bill is most commonly known: the "Motor Voter" law.

²⁸ 52 U.S.C. §20504(a)(2).

²⁹ 52 U.S.C. §20505 and §20506.

The Florida Election Code³⁰ implements the NVRA by requiring the DHSMV³¹ to provide an applicant “the opportunity to register to vote or to update a voter registration record” when he or she does any of the following actions:

- Applies for or renews a driver license.
- Applies for or renews an identification card (I.D. card).³²
- Changes an address on an existing driver license or I.D. card.³³

Effect of Proposed Changes

Eligibility of an Applicant for Voter Registration

The bill provides that if the latest voter registration records show that an applicant was previously removed for ineligibility, the supervisor must verify applicant voting eligibility within 13 days after receiving such application. To determine and verify eligibility, the supervisor must review the information required to be provided by other governmental entities for the purpose of identifying potentially ineligible voters. The supervisor must deny the voter registration application and notify the applicant if the supervisor determines that the applicant is ineligible.

Uniform Statewide Voter Registration Application

The bill adds to the list of information the voter registration application must elicit. Specifically, it provides that the application must elicit acknowledgement, by providing a box for the applicant to check, that it is a third-degree felony to falsely swear or affirm or otherwise submit false information on a voter registration application.

Online Voter Registration System

The bill provides that if DHSMV records indicate that an applicant has provided documents acceptable as evidence of U.S. citizenship (along with the existing requirement that the applicant’s name and date of birth be consistent with information provided on the application), the OVRS must transmit the application to the supervisor of elections. The applicant’s legal status as a U.S. citizen must be recorded in the FVRS.

If the applicant’s name and date of birth match DHSMV records, but DHSMV records indicate the applicant is not a U.S. citizen or has not provided documents acceptable as evidence of U.S. citizenship, the OVRS must notify the supervisor that the applicant’s status as a U.S. citizen could not be verified and transmit to the supervisor the applicant’s registration application, along with the digital signature on file with the DHSMV.

If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been issued a Florida driver license or identification card, or chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to print, sign, and deliver to the supervisor, the OVRS must populate the applicant’s information into a printable voter registration application and direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application and deliver the application to the supervisor for disposition.

³⁰ Chapters 97-106, F.S., are known as the Florida Election Code. Section 97.011, F.S.

³¹ The DHSMV and certain county tax collectors have entered into statutorily authorized contracts, whereby tax collectors may deliver full or limited driver license services on behalf of the DHSMV. See s. 322.02, F.S.

³² See s. 322.051, F.S.

³³ Section 97.057(1), F.S.

The bill specifies that if an applicant's name and date of birth cannot be verified by DHSMV records and the OVRS must therefore populate the applicant's information into a printable voter registration application, the populated information shall not include the applicant's Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, or social security number.

Acceptance of Voter Registration Applications

The bill:

- Provides that the registration date for a valid application to update the voter's record with a change of address, name, or party affiliation is retroactive to the date the application was initially received once the required sufficient evidence is verified.
- Adds U.S. citizenship to the types of information which, if unable to be verified, require a voter registration applicant to vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will be counted only if acceptable evidence of U.S. citizenship is presented by 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.
- Provides that upon receipt of a voter registration application, including an application with a change in name, address, or party affiliation, which indicates that the applicant has not been issued a current and valid Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social security number, or if DHSMV records indicate that the applicant is not a U.S. citizen or has not provided documents acceptable as evidence of U.S. citizenship, the supervisor shall verify the voter's legal status as a U.S. citizen using available state and federal governmental sources. If applicable, the supervisor shall initiate notice and FVRS removal proceedings.

Department of Highway Safety and Vehicles Responsibilities

The bill adds a person's legal status as a U.S. citizen to the information the DHSMV is required to match with the DOS. It also requires the DOS to include in the FVRS the type of documentary proof that the licensee or cardholder provided as evidence as U.S. citizenship.

The bill expands the duty of the DHSMV to assist the DOS in identifying changes in residence address of persons who may be voters to also require the DHSMV to assist in identifying changes in the Florida driver license or Florida identification card number of such persons.³⁴

Voter List Maintenance (Sections 8 and 9)

Present Situation

Current law prescribes voter list maintenance activities to ensure accurate and current voter registration records.

Each supervisor must conduct a general voter address list maintenance program.³⁵ Each program must be conducted, at a minimum, once each year, and must be completed no later than 90 days prior to the start of any federal election,³⁶ as required by the National Voter Registration Act. Each supervisor must incorporate in the program at least one of the following options for identifying change-of-address information:

³⁴ As of August 1, 2024, all Floridians being issued an original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card are assigned a new number complying with s. 322.14(1)(a), F.S.

³⁵ Section 98.065(1), F.S.

³⁶ Section 98.065(3), F.S.

- Information supplied by the U.S. Postal Service through its licensees to identify registered voters whose addresses might have changed.
- Information identified from returned nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable address confirmation requests sent to all registered voters in the county.³⁷

In addition, the DOS must identify, using information from specified other governmental entities:³⁸

- Duplicate registrations.
- Voters who are deceased.
- Voters who have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not had their voting rights restored.
- Voters who have been convicted of a felony and who have not had their voting rights restored.³⁹

The DOS and supervisors also must act upon any information from a governmental entity that identifies a registered voter who may be ineligible due to age, citizenship, or address.⁴⁰

Once a supervisor receives notice of a voter who is potentially ineligible due to mental incapacity, felony conviction, age, citizenship, or address, he or she must begin prescribed procedures for removal of such voter from the FVRS. The procedures require notice and specified information to be provided to the voter and for the voter to be given an opportunity to have a hearing and to provide proof of eligibility.⁴¹

There is currently no requirement regarding the sharing of information with the federal court system for the purpose of identifying potentially ineligible voters.⁴²

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill expands the categories of potentially ineligible voters the DOS must take affirmative action to identify to specifically include persons who may not be U.S. citizens. To do so, the DOS must use information from the DHSMV, clerks of state and federal courts, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The DOS must review such information and make an initial determination as to whether the information is credible and reliable. If the DOS determines that

³⁷ Section 98.065(2), F.S.

³⁸ Other governmental entities required to report specified information to the DOS or supervisors include the Department of Health, clerks of the circuit court, U.S. attorneys, the Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Commission on Offender Review, the Department of Corrections, and the DHSMV(s. 98.093, F.S.).

³⁹ Section 98.075(2)-(5), F.S.

⁴⁰ Section 98.075(6), F.S.

⁴¹ Section 98.075(7), F.S..

⁴² Currently, federal courts use a state's voter registration lists to select prospective jurors. To be qualified for Federal Jury Service, an individual juror must be an 18-year-old citizen of the United States who has resided for one year within the judicial district; able to read, write, and understand the English language with a degree of proficiency to complete the juror qualification form; able to speak the English language; both mentally and physically capable of rendering satisfactory jury service; and not have a pending charge or state or federal conviction for a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. *See* United States Courts, "Juror Selection Process," available at <https://www.uscourts.gov/court-programs/jury-service/juror-selection-process> (last visited February 2, 2026).

the information is credible and reliable, it must notify the relevant supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation indicating potential ineligibility of the voter to be registered.

Upon receipt of the notice that the DOS has made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the supervisor must adhere to the existing prescribed notice and removal procedures before the removal of a registered voter's name from the FVRS.

The bill adds to the list of information that must be provided to voters for whom notice and removal procedures have begun, to include the following list of acceptable documents or evidence of U.S. citizenship:

- An original or certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate.
- A valid, unexpired U.S. passport.
- A naturalization certificate issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the U.S. Department of State.
- A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida identification card issued by the DHSMV, if such license or card indicates U.S. citizenship.
- A current and valid photo identification issued by the federal government or the state which indicates U.S. citizenship.
- An order from a federal court granting U.S. citizenship.
- If the applicant's legal name is different from the name that appears on one of the acceptable documents, official legal documentation providing proof of the legal name change.

The type of document provided or used to verify citizenship must be recorded in the statewide voter registration system.

The bill expands the information about potentially ineligible persons the DHMSV is required to report weekly to the DOS to also include:

- Information identifying those persons who during the preceding week presented evidence of U.S. citizenship upon being issued a new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver license or Florida identification card.
- Information identifying a change in residence address on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of any person who declined to register or update his or her voter record.
- Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers issued to persons who declined to register or update their voter record. Within 7 days, the DOS must report such information to the appropriate supervisor, who must update the voter registration records.

The bill adds federal courts to the specified types of governmental entities from which information identifying potentially ineligible voters may be received by the DOS. Specifically, the bill provides that upon receipt of information from a federal jury coordinator that a person was disqualified or potentially disqualified from jury service due to not having U.S. citizenship, being convicted of a felony, being deceased, being a nonresident of Florida, or being a nonresident of the county, the DOS must use such information to identify registered voters or voter registration applicants who may be potentially ineligible.

Ballots and Voting Systems (Sections 1, 12, and 14)

Present Situation

General Definitions

Current law defines the following terms:

- “Ballot” or “official ballot,” when used in reference to:
 - “Electronic or electromechanical devices” means a ballot that is voted by the process of electronically designating, including by touchscreen, or marking with a marking device for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data processing equipment.
 - “Marksense ballots” means that printed sheet of paper, used in conjunction with an electronic or electromechanical vote tabulation voting system, containing the names of candidates, or a statement of proposed constitutional amendments or other questions or propositions submitted to the electorate at any election, on which sheet of paper an elector casts his or her vote.⁴³
- “Voter interface device” means any device that communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates and issues. A voter interface device may not be used to tabulate votes. Any vote tabulation must be based upon a subsequent scan of the marked marksense ballot or the voter-verifiable paper output after the voter interface device process has been completed.⁴⁴
- “Voting system” means a method of casting and processing votes that functions wholly or partly by use of electromechanical or electronic apparatus or by use of marksense ballots and includes, but is not limited to, the procedures for casting and processing votes and the programs, operating manuals, supplies, printouts, and other software necessary for the system’s operation.⁴⁵

Use of Ballot-on-Demand

Polling places and early voting sites may employ a ballot-on-demand production system to print individual marksense ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible voters. Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce marksense vote-by-mail and election-day ballots.⁴⁶

Voting Methods/Disability Voting

Current law specifies that for the purpose of designating ballot selections, all voting must be by marksense ballot, using a marking device or a voter interface device that produces a voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities under state and federal law.⁴⁷

Effect of Proposed Changes

General Definitions

The bill redefines the term “ballot” or “official ballot” to mean a printed sheet of paper, containing contests including offices and candidates, constitutional amendments, and other public measures, upon which a voter’s selections will be marked by using the pen or marker

⁴³ Section 97.021(6), F.S.

⁴⁴ Section 97.021(43), F.S.

⁴⁵ Section 97.021(47), F.S.

⁴⁶ Section 101.151(1)(b), F.S.

⁴⁷ Section 101.56075, F.S.

recommended by the voting system vendor. A ballot includes a voter-verifiable paper output upon which a voter's selections are marked by a voter interface device that meets voter accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities.

The bill eliminates the terms “marksense ballots” and “electronic or electromechanical device.”

The bill revises the term “voting system” to mean a method of casting and processing votes that includes, but is not limited to:

- Equipment, hardware, firmware, and software.
- Ballots.
- Procedures for casting and processing votes.
- Programs, operating manuals, and supplies.
- Reports, printouts, and other documentation necessary for the system's operation.

Use of Ballot-on-Demand

The bill clarifies that the use of ballot-on-demand technology may be used for production of early voting ballots.

Voting Methods/Disability Voting

The bill revises allowable methods of designating ballot selections to:

- Require all voting to be by official ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with the voting system, unless
- A voter requests to vote using a voter interface device.

Election Returns Reporting and Canvassing (Section 17)

Present Situation

County Canvassing Board

The county canvassing board is the body that tabulates and canvasses the vote for an election in that county. The board is composed of three members: the supervisor; a county court judge, who acts as chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners.⁴⁸ The board is responsible for a number of activities in the conduct of elections and in results processing and reporting.⁴⁹

Election Returns Reporting

Each supervisor must upload into the county's election management system by 7 p.m. on the day before the election the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period.⁵⁰

The canvassing board must report all early voting and all tabulated vote-by-mail results to the DOS within 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing board must report, with

⁴⁸ Section 102.141(a), F.S.

⁴⁹ Florida Division of Elections, “Canvassing Board Membership and Activities,” available at <https://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/DE%20Guide%200020-Canvassing%20Board%20Membership%20and%20Activities%20FINAL%2020220830.pdf> (last visited February 2, 2026).

⁵⁰ Section 102.141(4)(a), F.S.

the exception of provisional ballot results, updated precinct election results to the DOS at least every 45 minutes until all results are completely reported.⁵¹

Elections Canvassing Commission

The Elections Canvassing Commission is composed of the Governor and two members of the Cabinet selected by the Governor. Current law prescribes that the commission meets at 8 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 8 a.m. on the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and for each constitutional amendment.⁵²

Effect of Proposed Changes

Election Returns and Reporting

The bill clarifies that:

- The 7 p.m. deadline the day before the election for each supervisor's submission of early voting and vote-by-mail results is 7 p.m. local time.
- The supervisor reports early voting and tabulated vote-by-mail reports to the DOS, on behalf of the canvassing board.
- Required reporting of updated precinct election results are provided to the DOS via uploading.

Elections Canvassing Commission

The bill revises to 9 a.m. the time at which the commission shall meet, except for days the Legislature convenes for organization session,⁵³ in which case the meeting time will remain at 8 a.m.

Conforming Changes

The bill conforms existing law to the bill's changes to the definition of "ballot."

Qualifying for Office and Placement on the Ballot (Section 10)

Present Situation

Required Oaths and Affirmations

Each candidate for an elected office in Florida must take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in writing.⁵⁴ Current law specifies oath formats for a candidate for federal office,⁵⁵ a candidate for a non-federal office other than a judicial office,⁵⁶ and a candidate for a state judicial office.⁵⁷ Generally, the oath or affirmation must, in substance:

- Provide the name of the office for which the candidate is running;

⁵¹ Section 102.141(4)(b), F.S.

⁵² Section 102.111, F.S.

⁵³ Art. III, s. 3(a) of the FLA. CONST. provides that on the 14th day following each general election, the Legislature shall convene for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers.

⁵⁴ Sections 99.021(1)(a) and 105.031(4), F.S.

⁵⁵ Section 99.021(1)(a)2., F.S.

⁵⁶ Section 99.021(1)(a)1., F.S.

⁵⁷ Section 105.031(4)(b), F.S.

- Affirm that the candidate is a qualified elector of the county or court jurisdiction, as applicable;
- Affirm that the candidate is qualified under the State Constitution and laws of Florida to hold the office for which he or she is running;
- Affirm that the candidate has not qualified for any other public office in the state for which the term runs concurrently and that he or she has resigned from any office from which he or she is required to resign;⁵⁸ and
- Affirm that the candidate will support the constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida.⁵⁹

In addition, any person seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate of any political party must, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, also state in writing certain information about his or her party affiliation. The writing must specifically state:

- The party of which the person is a member;
- That the person has been a registered member of the political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify; and
- That the person has paid the assessment levied against him or her, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the party of which he or she is a member.⁶⁰

Similarly, a person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate with *no* party affiliation must state in writing that he or she:

- Is registered without a party affiliation; and
- Has not been a registered member of any political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify.⁶¹

Although current law requires candidates to provide the information required, there does not appear to be a mechanism by which the provision can be enforced if the person seeking to qualify did not actually comply with the requirement.⁶² Therefore, a person who complies with the facial requirement of completing and filing the written statement cannot be disqualified from placement on the ballot, even if his or her statement is untrue.

Requirements related to Candidate Names

Current law requires each candidate to designate in his or her oath or affirmation the name that he or she wishes to have printed on the ballot, or, in the case of a write-in candidate, the name that he or she wishes to have voter write in on a ballot. Such designation must include the candidate's legal given name or name, a shortened form of the candidate's legal given name, an

⁵⁸ Section 99.012(3)(a), F.S., states, "No officer may qualify as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other without resigning from the office he or she presently holds."

⁵⁹ Sections 99.021(1)(a)1. and 105.031(4), F.S.

⁶⁰ Section 99.021(1)(b), F.S.

⁶¹ Section 99.021(c), F.S.

⁶² See *Jones v. Schiller*, 345 So.3d 406 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020), holding that the requirements regarding statement of party affiliation do not have an implied disqualification mechanism. Similarly, *Torres v. Shaw*, 345 So.3d 970 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022), held that voters and a political party had no private right of action to challenge the qualifications of a congressional candidate under the candidate oath requirement.

initial or initials of the candidate's legal given name or names, or a bona fide nickname customarily related to the candidate and by which the candidate is commonly known, immediately followed by the candidate's legal surname.⁶³

If a candidate wishes to designate a nickname, the candidate must file an affidavit that must be verified under oath or affirmation, attesting that the nickname complies with requirements of that section of law. A designated nickname may not:

- Be used to mislead voters.
- Imply the candidate is some other person.
- Constitute a political slogan or otherwise associate the candidate with a cause or an issue.
- Be obscene or profane.⁶⁴

Disqualification from the Ballot

Current law provides that a candidate shall or may be disqualified from placement on the ballot if he or she:

- Does not comply with resign-to-run⁶⁵ requirements.⁶⁶
- Is convicted of knowingly and willfully accepting a contribution that exceeds prescribed limits, failing to report any contribution required to be reported, falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required to be reported, or making or authorizing a prohibited expenditure.⁶⁷
- Is convicted of a felony or adjudicated to be mentally incompetent and has not had his or her rights restored or had the disability removed.⁶⁸
- Does not comply with financial disclosure requirements.⁶⁹

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill creates restrictions on qualifying by providing that:

- A person may not qualify for nomination as a candidate of a political party if he or she has not been a registered member of that party for the 365-day period preceding the beginning of qualifying; or as a candidate with no party affiliation if he or she has not been registered without party affiliation for the 365-day period preceding the beginning of qualifying. This substantive requirement mirrors the existing oath/affirmation requirements regarding party affiliation.
- A person may not qualify as a candidate for public office, whether federal, state, district, county, or municipal, if he or she has legally changed his or her name through the general statutory petition process⁷⁰ during the 365-day period preceding the beginning of qualifying. The provision does not apply to a name change due to divorce, marriage, or adoption.

⁶³ Section 99.0215(1), F.S.

⁶⁴ Section 99.0215(2), F.S.

⁶⁵ Section 99.012, F.S., provides that no officer may qualify as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other without resigning from the office he or she presently holds.

⁶⁶ Section 99.012(6), F.S.

⁶⁷ Sections 106.18 and 106.19, F.S.

⁶⁸ Article VI, s. 4(a), FLA. CONST.

⁶⁹ Section 112.317(1)(c), F.S.

⁷⁰ Section 68.07, F.S., grants courts jurisdiction to change the name of any person residing in Florida on petition of the person filed in the county in which he or she resides. Before the court hearing on such a petition, the petitioner must submit

The bill locates the two new provisions in the resign-to-run statute in order to apply an existing mechanism for disqualification for the ballot. Specifically, the existing statute provides that if a final order of a court determines that a person did not comply with the section, the person shall not be qualified as a candidate and his or her name may not appear on the ballot.⁷¹

Office Hours of Supervisors of Elections (Section 6)

Present Situation

Current law requires an office of the supervisor to be open Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, for a period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than 9 a.m.⁷² In addition, each supervisor must conduct early voting beginning on the 10th day before an election that contains state or federal races and ending on the 3rd day before the election, for no less than 8 hours and no more than 12 hours a day.⁷³ Other duties of the supervisor, such as those related to qualifying periods and special elections, may also require offices to be open on specified days.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill revises the general office hours requirement for supervisors to provide that an office may close to observe legal holidays and other federal, state, or county-approved holidays, if the office is not otherwise required to be open to fulfill official duties under the Florida Election Code. This change will allow an office of the supervisor to close when other governmental entities necessary for conducting the supervisor's work, such as tax collectors and other county offices, are also closed.

Time Limitations for Prosecutions of Election Violations (Section 20)

Present Situation

Current law provides time limitations for commencement of prosecution of criminal offenses, including the following time limitations for felonies:

- For a capital felony, a life felony, or a felony that result in a death – prosecution may be commenced at any time.
- For a first-degree felony – prosecution must be commenced within 4 years after the felony is committed.
- For any other felony – prosecution must be commenced within 3 years after the felony is committed.⁷⁴

fingerprints submitted for a state and national criminal history records check, except if a former name is being restored. In addition, the petition must show specified information, including, but not limited to, residence, date and place of birth, occupation, and any prior criminal history.

⁷¹ Section 99.012(6), F.S.

⁷² Section 98.015(4), F.S.

⁷³ Section 101.657(1), F.S.

⁷⁴ Section 775.15, F.S.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill creates a new section of law in ch. 104, F.S.,⁷⁵ providing that a prosecution for a felony violation under the Florida Election Code must be commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is committed.

Driver Licenses (Section 21)

Present Situation

Current law does not require driver licenses or identification cards to include the legal status of the licensee or card-holder on the physical copy of such identifications. However, current law requires that a driver update his or her driver license within 30 days of becoming a U.S. citizen and provides that a person who is an unauthorized alien or undocumented immigrant cannot be issued a driver license or identification card. As such, applicants for driver licenses and identification cards must provide sufficient REAL ID compliant documentation that supports their legal status.⁷⁶

A renewal and replacement fee for an identification card is \$25.⁷⁷ A renewal driver license costs \$48⁷⁸ and a replacement driver license costs \$25.⁷⁹

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill creates a new section of law governing citizenship status designation on state-issued driver licenses and identification cards. The bill:

- Provides that by July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a U.S. citizen as last recorded in the system must include the applicant's legal citizenship status at the time of new issuance, renewal, or replacement.
- Requires the DHMSV to, at no charge, issue a renewal or replacement driver license or identification card if a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status upon becoming a U.S. citizen.

Conforming Changes and Reenactments and Drafting Clarifications (Sections 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, and 24)

The bill:

- Revises or reenacts statutes to conform to the substantive changes made by the bill.
- Clarifies portions of existing law.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

⁷⁵ Chapter 104, F.S., specifies criminal penalties for numerous violations of the Election Code.

⁷⁶ Chapter 2025-1, L.O.F.

⁷⁷ Section 322.21(1) (f), F.S.

⁷⁸ Section 322.21(1)(c), F.S.

⁷⁹ Section 322.21(1)(e), F.S.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

Not applicable. Bills that affect state or local elections are exempt from the requirements of Art. VII, s. 18 of the State Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The creation of the new restrictions on candidate qualifying may have a fiscal impact in the form of legal fees for persons who file or defend against related lawsuits.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill will likely have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the DOS as it requires the DOS to revise voter registration requirements that may involve programming.

The bill will have an indeterminate impact on the DHSMV as it requires that department to, without charging applicants a fee for renewal, include on any new or renewal of a Florida driver license or identification card, the legal status of the applicant. A renewal and replacement identification card costs \$25 and a renewal driver license costs \$48. A replacement driver license costs \$25.

The bill will likely have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments relating to implementation of the bill's provisions concerning voter list maintenance.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:Citizenship and Voter Registration

The bill creates requirements relating to documentation of U.S. citizenship for registered voters and voter registration applicants. Requiring proof of U.S. citizenship as a condition of voter registration is the subject of political efforts at state and federal levels and of ongoing litigation.

One area of litigation turns on whether state laws requiring applicants to present documentary proof of citizenship as a condition for registering to vote in federal elections are preempted by Congress's power to regulate federal elections.⁸⁰ The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires that states "accept and use" a uniform federal form to register voters for federal elections (Federal Form). That form requires an individual to attest under penalty of perjury that he or she is a citizen but does not require documentary proof. In 2013, the Supreme Court ruled on a challenge to an Arizona law requiring voter-registration officials to "reject" any application for registration, including a Federal Form,⁸¹ that was not accompanied by concrete evidence of citizenship. The Court held that as applied to Federal Form applicants, Arizona's evidence-of-citizenship requirement was preempted by the NVRA's mandate that states "accept and use" the Federal Form.⁸² After the ruling, Arizona began registering Federal Form registrants who do not supply documentary proof of citizenship as "federal-only" voters, who are eligible to vote only in federal races. However, reforms to Arizona voter-registration laws enacted in 2022 are now the subject of ongoing litigation; one such reform provides that voters who have not provided documentary proof of citizenship may not vote for president or by mail.⁸³ In addition, litigation challenging a New Hampshire law requiring new voter applicants to provide documentary proof of citizenship when registering to vote⁸⁴ is ongoing.⁸⁵

Other litigation implicating the NVRA and the Federal Form stems from President Trump's 2025 executive order⁸⁶ that, in part, directed the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in the Federal Form. The NVRA assigns to the EAC the responsibility for creating the Federal Form.⁸⁷ A federal district judge recently enjoined

⁸⁰ The "Elections Clause" of the U.S. Constitution (art. I, s. 4) provides that: "The Times, Places, and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except to the Places of choosing Senators."

⁸¹ Ariz. Rev. Stat. §16-166(F).

⁸² *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.*, 570 U.S. 1 (2013).

⁸³ *Republican National Committee, et al. v. Mi Familia Vota, et al.*, Emergency Application for Stay, available at https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/24/24A164/322042/20240808153155295_Emerg.%20App.%20for%20Stay.pdf (last visited February 2, 2026).

⁸⁴ N.H. Rev. Stat. §654:7; §654:12.

⁸⁵ *New Hampshire Youth Movement v. Scanlan and Coalition for Open Democracy v. Scanlan*, U.S District Court for the District of New Hampshire (2024-ongoing).

⁸⁶ "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections," available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/preserving-and-protecting-the-integrity-of-american-elections/> (last visited February 2, 2026).

⁸⁷ 52 U.S.C. §20508(a)(2).

enforcement of that provision on the grounds that it is “inconsistent with the constitutional separation of powers.”⁸⁸ Further litigation in the case is likely to occur.

Disqualification from the Ballot

The bill provides a mechanism for disqualification from the ballot of a person who:

- Violates requirements regarding party affiliation in the 365 days prior to the beginning of qualifying.
- Legally changes his or her name through the general statutory petition process during the 365 days prior to the beginning of qualifying.

The U.S. Supreme Court has established that candidacy is not a “fundamental right,” and has stated that a determination of the legality of a restriction on candidacy is a matter of degree that involves “a consideration of the facts and circumstances behind the law, the interests the State seeks to protect by placing restrictions on candidacy, and the nature of the interests of those who may be burdened by the restrictions.”⁸⁹

Examples of state interests furthered by regulation of candidate ballot access include, but are not limited to:

- Holding orderly elections with serious, rather than frivolous, contenders.
- Promoting electoral integrity.
- Limiting voter confusion caused by lengthy ballots.
- Preventing fraudulent candidacies.⁹⁰

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 97.021, 97.052, 97.0525, 97.053, 97.057, 98.015, 98.045, 98.075, 98.093, 99.012, 99.021, 101.151, 101.5606, 101.56075, 101.5608, 101.5612, 102.111, 102.141, 102.166, and 121.121.

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 104.51 and 322.034.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

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

CS by Ethics and Elections on February 4, 2026:

The committee substitute:

- Deletes the bill’s addition of “documentation required by the Election Assistance Commission or federal law” to the information the state voter registration application must elicit and adds that the application must elicit acknowledgement, by providing a

⁸⁸ Consolidated cases *League of United Latin American Citizens, et al. v. Executive Office of the President, et al.; Democratic National Committee, et al., v. Donald J. Trump*; and *League of Women Voters Education Fund, et al., v. Donald J. Trump*; Memorandum Opinion, issued January 30, 2026, available at <https://www.democracydocket.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/236-2026-01-30-Memorandum-opinion.pdf> (last visited February 2, 2026).

⁸⁹ See, for example, *Clements v. Fashing*, 457 U.S. 957 (1982).

⁹⁰ See *Lubin v. Panish*, 415 U.S. 709 (1974).

box for the applicant to check, that it is a third degree felony to falsely swear or affirm or otherwise submit false information on a voter registration application.

- Deletes the bill's addition of new content to the oath to which voter registration applicants must subscribe.
- Makes drafting changes to clarify the new citizenship-verification duties and processes related to the DHSMV and the online voter registration system.
- Increases to 13 from 10 the number of days a supervisor of elections has to verify eligibility of a voter registration applicant who was previously removed for ineligibility.
- Revises the types of documents that are acceptable evidence of U.S. citizenship.
- Revises the bill's provisions regarding information about potentially ineligible voters that is received from federal jury coordinators to remove the affirmative duty of the federal jury coordinator to provide such information.
- Creates a substantive requirement that a person seeking nomination as a candidate of a political party must have been a member of that party for the 365 days preceding qualifying, and that a person running with no party affiliation must not have been a member of a political party for the 365 days preceding qualifying (in addition to current law's requirement that such a person affirm he or she has or has not been such a member).
- Adds to the bill a provision that a person may not qualify as a candidate for public office if he or she has legally changed his or her name through the statutory petition process during the 365 days preceding qualifying. This prohibition does not apply to a change of name arising from marriage, divorce, or adoption.
- Revises the bill's limitation of use of a voter interface device to persons with disabilities to instead require use of a paper ballot unless a voter requests to use a voter interface device.
- Deletes from the bill provisions replacing the existing recount or audit process with an independent, precertification vote validation process, and also deletes related changes to election reports.
- Deletes the bill's addition of a new authorization for each political party to designate one computer expert to be allowed in the central counting room when a manual review is being conducted and when the official votes are being counted.
- Adds a revision to the existing statutory requirement for the minimum hours an office of the supervisor of elections must be open, to expand an exception for legal holidays to also include other federal, state, or county-approved holidays.

B. Amendments:

None.



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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Grall) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3 Delete everything after the enacting clause
4 and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsections (6), (43), and (47) of section
6 97.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

7 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
8 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

9 (6) "Ballot" or "official ballot" means a printed sheet of
10 paper containing contests, including offices and candidates,



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11 constitutional amendments, and other public measures, upon which
12 a voter's selections will be marked by using a pen compatible
13 with or recommended for use with the voting system, for
14 tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data processing
15 equipment that is part of the voting system. The term includes a
16 voter-verifiable paper output upon which a voter's selections
17 are marked by a voter interface device that meets voter
18 accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities
19 under s. 301 of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s.
20 101.56062 when used in reference to:

21 (a) "Electronic or electromechanical devices" means a
22 ballot that is voted by the process of electronically
23 designating, including by touchscreen, or marking with a marking
24 device for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data
25 processing equipment.

26 (b) "Marksense ballots" means that printed sheet of paper,
27 used in conjunction with an electronic or electromechanical vote
28 tabulation voting system, containing the names of candidates, or
29 a statement of proposed constitutional amendments or other
30 questions or propositions submitted to the electorate at any
31 election, on which sheet of paper an elector casts his or her
32 vote.

33 (43) "Voter interface device" means any device that
34 communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a
35 voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates and
36 issues. A voter interface device may not be used to tabulate
37 votes. Any vote tabulation must be based upon a subsequent scan
38 of the marked marksense ballot or the voter-verifiable paper
39 output after the voter interface device process has been



40 completed.

41 (47) "Voting system" means a method of casting and
42 processing votes which that functions wholly or partly by use of
~~electromechanical or electronic apparatus or by use of marksense~~
43 ~~ballots and includes, but is not limited to, the equipment,~~
44 ~~hardware, firmware, and software; the ballots; the procedures~~
45 ~~for casting and processing votes; and the programs, operating~~
46 ~~manuals, and supplies; and the reports, printouts, and other~~
47 ~~documentation software necessary for the system's operation.~~

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49 Section 2. Present paragraphs (q) through (u) of subsection
50 (2) of section 97.052, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
51 paragraphs (r) through (v), respectively, and a new paragraph
52 (q) is added to that subsection, to read:

53 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

54 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application
55 must be designed to elicit the following information from the
56 applicant:

57 (q) Acknowledgment, by providing a box for the applicant to
58 check, that it is a third degree felony under state and federal
59 law to falsely swear or affirm or otherwise submit false
60 information on a voter registration application.

61 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 97.0525 Online voter registration.—

64 (4) (a) The online voter registration system must shall
65 compare the Florida driver license number or Florida
66 identification number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with
67 information maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and
68 Motor Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the



69 application are consistent with the records of the Department of
70 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

71 (b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are
72 consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety
73 and Motor Vehicles and the records of the Department of Highway
74 Safety and Motor Vehicles indicate that the applicant has
75 provided documents acceptable as evidence of United States
76 citizenship, the online voter registration system must shall
77 transmit, using the statewide voter registration system
78 maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's registration
79 application, along with the digital signature of the applicant
80 on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
81 Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
82 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
83 97.052(2)(r) s. 97.052(2)(q). The applicant's legal status as a
84 United States citizen must be recorded in the statewide voter
85 registration system.

86 (c) If the applicant's name and date of birth match the
87 records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles,
88 but the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
89 Vehicles indicate the applicant is not a United States citizen
90 or has not provided documents acceptable as evidence of United
91 States citizenship, the online voter registration system must
92 notify the supervisor of elections that the applicant's legal
93 status as a United States citizen could not be verified and
94 transmit, using the statewide voter registration system
95 maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's registration
96 application, along with the digital signature of the applicant
97 on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor



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98 Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
99 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
100 97.052(2)(r).

101 (d) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be
102 verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and
103 Motor Vehicles, or if the applicant indicated that he or she has
104 not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida
105 identification card, the online voter registration system must
106 shall populate the applicant's information, except for the
107 applicant's Florida driver license number, Florida
108 identification card number, or social security number, into a
109 printable voter registration application pursuant to s.
110 97.052(2) which and direct the applicant may to print, complete,
111 sign, and date, the application and deliver the application to
112 the supervisor of elections for disposition pursuant to s.
113 97.073.

114 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been
115 issued a Florida driver license or identification card, or
116 chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to
117 print, sign, date, and deliver to the supervisor, the online
118 voter registration system must populate the applicant's
119 information into a printable voter registration application
120 pursuant to s. 97.052(2) and direct the applicant to print,
121 sign, and date the application and deliver the application to
122 the supervisor for disposition under s. 97.073.

123 Section 4. Subsections (2), (4), and (6) of section 97.053,
124 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

125 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

126 (2) A voter registration application is complete and



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127 becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant
128 when all information necessary to establish the applicant's
129 eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 is received by a voter
130 registration official and verified pursuant to subsection (6).
131 Except as provided in subsection (6), if the applicant fails to
132 complete his or her voter registration application on or before
133 prior to the date of book closing for an election, then such
134 applicant is shall not be eligible to vote in that election.

135 (4) (a) The registration date for a valid initial voter
136 registration application that has been mailed to a driver
137 license office, a voter registration agency, an armed forces
138 recruitment office, the division, or the office of any
139 supervisor in the state and bears a clear postmark is the date
140 of that postmark. If an initial voter registration application
141 that has been mailed does not bear a postmark or if the postmark
142 is unclear, the registration date is the date the application is
143 received by any supervisor or the division, unless it is
144 received within 5 days after the closing of the books for an
145 election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, in
146 which case the registration date is the book-closing date.

147 (b) The registration date for a valid application to update
148 the voter's record with a change of address, name, or party
149 affiliation is retroactive to the date the application was
150 initially received once the required sufficient evidence is
151 verified.

152 (6) (a) A voter registration application, including an
153 application with a change in name, address, or party
154 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department
155 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the Florida



156 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,
157 or the last four digits of the social security number provided
158 by the applicant. If a completed voter registration application
159 has been received by the book-closing deadline but the Florida
160 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,
161 or the last four digits of the social security number provided
162 by the applicant cannot be verified, or if the records of the
163 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles indicate that
164 the applicant is not a United States citizen or has not provided
165 documents acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship,
166 the applicant ~~must~~ shall be notified ~~and~~ that the number cannot
167 ~~be verified and that the applicant~~ must provide evidence to the
168 supervisor sufficient to verify the authenticity of the
169 applicant's Florida driver license number, Florida
170 identification card number, or last four digits of the social
171 security number or, if applicable, must provide documents
172 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship. If the
173 applicant provides the necessary evidence, the supervisor must
174 shall place the applicant's name on the registration rolls as an
175 active voter. If the applicant has not provided the necessary
176 evidence or the number has not otherwise been verified prior to
177 the applicant presenting himself or herself to vote, the
178 applicant must shall be provided a provisional ballot. The
179 provisional ballot must shall be counted only if the number is
180 verified by the end of the canvassing period or if the applicant
181 presents evidence to the supervisor of elections sufficient to
182 verify the authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver
183 license number, Florida identification card number, or last four
184 digits of the social security number or, if applicable, presents



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185 documents acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship no
186 later than 5 p.m. of the second day following the election.

187 (b) Upon receipt of a voter registration application,
188 including an application with a change in name, address, or
189 party affiliation, which indicates that the applicant has not
190 been issued a current and valid Florida driver license, Florida
191 identification card, or social security number, or if the
192 records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
193 indicate that the applicant is not a United States citizen or
194 has not provided documents acceptable as evidence of United
195 States citizenship, the supervisor of elections shall verify the
196 voter's legal status as a United States citizen using available
197 state and federal governmental sources and, if applicable,
198 initiate notice pursuant to s. 98.075(7).

199 Section 5. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 97.057,
200 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

201 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
202 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

203 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
204 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match
205 information in the statewide voter registration system with
206 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety
207 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy
208 of the Florida driver license number, Florida identification
209 number, or last four digits of the social security number and
210 the legal status as a United States citizen, provided on
211 applications for voter registration as required in s. 97.053.
212 The department shall also include in the statewide voter
213 registration system the type of documentary proof that the



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214 licensee or cardholder provided as evidence of United States
215 citizenship.

216 (13) Notwithstanding declinations to register or to update
217 a voter registration pursuant to paragraph (2) (b), the
218 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in accordance
219 with s. 98.093(8), shall must assist the Department of State in
220 regularly identifying changes in residence address on the
221 Florida driver license or Florida identification card or changes
222 in the Florida driver license or Florida identification card
223 number of such persons who may be voters of a voter. The
224 Department of State must report each such change to the
225 appropriate supervisor of elections who must change the voter's
226 registration records in accordance with s. 98.065(4).

227 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida
228 Statutes, is amended to read:

229 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

230 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—

231 (a) The supervisor shall must ensure that any eligible
232 applicant for voter registration is registered to vote and that
233 each application for voter registration is processed in
234 accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine whether a
235 voter registration applicant is ineligible based on any of the
236 following:

237 1.(a) The failure to complete a voter registration
238 application as specified in s. 97.053.

239 2.(b) The applicant is deceased.

240 3.(c) The applicant has been convicted of a felony for
241 which his or her voting rights have not been restored.

242 4.(d) The applicant has been adjudicated mentally



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243 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right
244 has not been restored.

245 5.(e) The applicant does not meet the age requirement
246 pursuant to s. 97.041.

247 6.(f) The applicant is not a United States citizen.

248 7.(g) The applicant is a fictitious person.

249 8.(h) The applicant has provided an address of legal
250 residence that is not his or her legal residence.

251 9.(i) The applicant has provided a Florida driver license
252 number, Florida identification card number, or the last four
253 digits of a social security number that is not verifiable by the
254 department.

255 (b) If the latest voter registration records show that a
256 new applicant was previously registered but subsequently removed
257 for ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.075(7), the supervisor must
258 verify the current eligibility of the applicant to register
259 within 13 days after receipt of such records by reviewing the
260 information provided by a governmental entity listed in s.
261 98.075 or s. 98.093 to determine whether the applicant remains
262 ineligible. If the supervisor determines that the applicant is
263 ineligible, the supervisor must deny the application and notify
264 the applicant pursuant to s. 97.073.

265 Section 7. Subsection (6) and paragraph (a) of subsection
266 (7) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

267 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
268 ineligibility determinations.—

269 (6) ELIGIBILITY.—

270 (a) Citizenship.—The department shall identify those
271 registered voters who are potentially ineligible based on their



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272 legal status regarding United States citizenship by comparing or
273 receiving information from the Department of Highway Safety and
274 Motor Vehicles, clerks of state and federal courts, and the
275 United States Department of Homeland Security, as provided in s.
276 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an
277 initial determination as to whether the information is credible
278 and reliable. If the department determines that the information
279 is credible and reliable, the department must notify the
280 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation
281 indicating potential ineligibility of the voter to be
282 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has
283 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the
284 supervisor must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection
285 (7) before the removal of a registered voter's name from the
286 statewide voter registration system.

287 (b) Other bases for ineligibility ~~OTHER BASES FOR~~
288 ~~INELIGIBILITY.~~—Subsections (2)-(6) ~~(2)-(5)~~ do not limit or
289 restrict the department or the supervisor in his or her duty to
290 act upon direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge of
291 information from any governmental entity that identifies a
292 registered voter as potentially ineligible. If the department or
293 supervisor receives information from any governmental entity
294 other than those identified in subsections (2)-(6) ~~(2)-(5)~~ that
295 a registered voter is ineligible because the voter is deceased,
296 adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his or her
297 voting rights restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated
298 without having had his or her voting rights restored, does not
299 meet the age requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United
300 States citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address



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301 that is not his or her address of legal residence, the
302 supervisor must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection
303 (7) before the removal of the name of a registered voter who is
304 determined to be ineligible from the statewide voter
305 registration system.

306 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

307 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information
308 pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in
309 which the voter is registered must:

310 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential
311 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or
312 information. The notice must include:

313 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's
314 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon
315 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation
316 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined
317 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as
318 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

319 b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after
320 receipt of the notice may result in a determination of
321 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from
322 the statewide voter registration system.

323 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to
324 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the
325 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by
326 the supervisor.

327 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy
328 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
329 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of



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330 determining eligibility.

331 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the
332 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is
333 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

334 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights
335 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and
336 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
337 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
338 conviction, if applicable.

339 g. A list of the following acceptable documents or evidence
340 of United States citizenship which, if provided or used to
341 verify the voter as a United States citizen, must be recorded in
342 the statewide voter registration system:

343 (I) An original or certified copy of a United States birth
344 certificate.

345 (II) A valid, unexpired United States passport.

346 (III) A naturalization certificate issued by the United
347 States Department of Homeland Security.

348 (IV) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
349 United States Department of State.

350 (V) A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
351 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
352 and Motor Vehicles, if such driver license or identification
353 card indicates United States citizenship.

354 (VI) A current and valid photo identification issued by the
355 Federal Government or the state which indicates United States
356 citizenship.

357 (VII) An order from a federal court granting United States
358 citizenship.



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359 (VIII) If the applicant's legal name is different from the
360 name that appears on one of the documents specified in this sub-
361 subparagraph, official legal documentation providing proof of
362 legal name change.

363 h. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an

364 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you

365 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by

366 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In

367 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final

368 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your

369 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of

370 elections office within 2 days after the election and present

371 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

372 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the

373 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned

374 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general

375 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered

376 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.

377 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by

378 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

379 a. The voter's name and address.

380 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to

381 be registered to vote.

382 c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after

383 the notice is published may result in a determination of

384 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered

385 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

386 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor

387 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to



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388 receive information regarding the basis for the potential
389 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

390 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance
391 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections
392 of the county in which the voter is registered.

393 f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of
394 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
395 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
396 determining eligibility.

397 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
398 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
399 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
400 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
401 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
402 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
403 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
404 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
405 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

406 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice
407 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor
408 must make a final determination of the voter's eligibility
409 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to
410 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is
411 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the
412 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system
413 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter
414 of the supervisor's determination and action.

415 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to
416 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of



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417 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
418 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, make a final
419 determination of ineligibility and remove the voter's name from
420 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall
421 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
422 and action.

423 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued
424 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the
425 accuracy of the information underlying the potential
426 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor
427 must review the evidence and make a determination of eligibility
428 no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the
429 voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is
430 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the
431 statewide voter registration system upon such determination and
432 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
433 and action and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a
434 determination of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755. If such
435 registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor must send
436 notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and
437 place specified in the notice. The supervisor shall schedule and
438 issue notice for the hearing within 7 days after receiving the
439 voter's request for a hearing and shall hold the hearing no
440 later than 30 days after issuing the notice of the hearing. A
441 voter may request an extension upon showing good cause by
442 submitting an affidavit to the supervisor as to why he or she is
443 unable to attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all
444 evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a
445 determination of eligibility within 7 days. If the supervisor



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446 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the
447 supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter
448 registration system and notify the registered voter of the
449 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
450 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant
451 to s. 98.0755.

452 Section 8. Present subsection (9) of section 98.093,
453 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (10), a new
454 subsection (9) is added to that section, and subsection (8) of
455 that section is amended, to read:

456 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to
457 deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,
458 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United
459 States citizens.—

460 (8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The
461 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish
462 weekly to the department the following information:

463 (a) Information identifying those persons whose names have
464 been removed from the Florida driver license or Florida
465 identification card database during the preceding week because
466 they have been licensed or been issued an identification card in
467 another state. The information must contain the person's name,
468 last known Florida address, date of birth, sex, last four digits
469 of his or her social security number, and Florida driver license
470 number or Florida identification card number and, if available,
471 the address and the state in which the person is now licensed.

472 (b) Information identifying those persons who during the
473 preceding week presented evidence of non-United States
474 citizenship upon being issued a new or renewed Florida driver



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475 license or Florida identification card. The information must
476 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four
477 digits of the social security number, if applicable; Florida
478 driver license number or Florida identification card number, as
479 available; and alien registration number or other legal status
480 identifier.

481 (c) Information identifying those persons who during the
482 preceding week presented documents acceptable as evidence of
483 United States citizenship upon being issued a new, renewed, or
484 replacement Florida driver license or Florida identification
485 card. The information must contain the person's name; address;
486 date of birth; last four digits of the social security number,
487 if applicable; Florida driver license number or Florida
488 identification card number, as available; the type of
489 documentary proof provided in support of citizenship; and, if
490 applicable, the alien registration number or other legal status
491 identifier. Any of the following documents are acceptable as
492 evidence of United States citizenship:

493 1. An original or certified copy of a United States birth
494 certificate.

495 2. A valid, unexpired United States passport.

496 3. A naturalization certificate issued by the United States
497 Department of Homeland Security.

498 4. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United
499 States Department of State.

500 5. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
501 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
502 and Motor Vehicles, if such driver license or identification
503 card indicates United States citizenship.



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504 6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the
505 Federal Government or the state which indicates United States
506 citizenship.

507 7. An order from a federal court granting United States
508 citizenship.

509 8. If the applicant's legal name is different from the name
510 that appears on one of the documents specified in this
511 paragraph, official legal documentation providing for proof of
512 legal name change.

513 (d) Information identifying a change in residence address
514 on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of
515 any person who declined pursuant to s. 97.057(2) to register or
516 update his or her voter record. The information must contain the
517 person's name; date of birth; sex; last four digits of the
518 social security number, if available; and Florida driver license
519 or Florida identification card number, as available, in order to
520 identify a voter's registration record. The Department of State
521 must report each such change in residence address to the
522 appropriate supervisor, who must change the voter's registration
523 records in accordance with s. 98.065(4).

524 (e) Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement
525 Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers
526 issued to persons who declined pursuant to s. 97.057(2) to
527 register or update their voter record. The information must
528 contain the person's name; date of birth; last four digits of
529 the social security number, if available; and the prior, if
530 applicable, and current Florida driver license or Florida
531 identification card number in order to identify a voter's
532 registration record. Within 7 days, the Department of State



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533 shall report such information to the appropriate supervisor, who
534 must update the voter registration records.

535 (f) Information identifying those persons for which it has
536 received official information during the preceding week that the
537 person is deceased. The information must contain the name,
538 address, date of birth, last four digits of the social security
539 number, Florida driver license number or Florida identification
540 card number, and date of death of each such person.

541 (9) FEDERAL COURTS.—Upon receipt of information from a jury
542 coordinator that a person was disqualified or potentially
543 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service due to not
544 having United States citizenship, being convicted of a felony,
545 being deceased, being a nonresident of this state, or being a
546 nonresident of the county, the department shall use such
547 information to identify registered voters or applicants for
548 voter registration who may be potentially ineligible based on
549 information provided in accordance with s. 98.075.

550 Section 9. Present subsections (5) through (8) of section
551 99.012, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7)
552 through (10), respectively, and new subsections (5) and (6) are
553 added to that section, to read:

554 99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public
555 office.—

556 (5) A person may not qualify for nomination as a candidate
557 of a political party if he or she has not been a registered
558 member of that party for the 365-day period preceding the
559 beginning of qualifying; or as a candidate with no party
560 affiliation if he or she has not been registered without party
561 affiliation, or has been a registered member of any political



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562 party, for the 365-day period preceding the beginning of
563 qualifying.

564 (6) A person may not qualify as a candidate for public
565 office, whether federal, state, district, county, or municipal,
566 if he or she has legally changed his or her name through a
567 petition pursuant to s. 68.07 during the 365-day period
568 preceding the beginning of qualifying. This subsection does not
569 apply to any change of name in proceedings for dissolution of
570 marriage or adoption of children or based on a change of name
571 conducted with a marriage certificate.

572 Section 10. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of
573 section 99.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

574 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

575 (1)

576 (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for
577 nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the
578 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in
579 writing:

580 1. The party of which the person is a member.

581 2. That the person has been a registered member of the
582 political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a
583 candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding before the
584 beginning of qualifying before preceding the general election
585 for which the person seeks to qualify.

586 3. That the person has paid the assessment levied against
587 him or her, if any, as a candidate for said office by the
588 executive committee of the party of which he or she is a member.

589 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office
590 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of



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591 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he
592 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he
593 or she has not been a registered member of any political party
594 for at least 365 consecutive days preceding before the beginning
595 of qualifying before preceding the general election for which
596 the person seeks to qualify.

597 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 101.151, Florida
598 Statutes, is amended to read:

599 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

600 (1) (a) ~~Marksense~~ Ballots must ~~shall~~ be printed on paper of
601 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from
602 the back and must ~~shall~~ meet the specifications of the voting
603 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

604 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a
605 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual ~~Marksense~~
606 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible electors.
607 Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce ~~Marksense~~
608 vote-by-mail, early voting, and election-day ballots.

609 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida
610 Statutes, is amended to read:

611 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No
612 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved
613 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

614 (4) ~~For systems using marksense ballots,~~ It accepts a
615 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to
616 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has
617 been overvoted or undervoted.

618 Section 13. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is amended
619 to read:



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620 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating
621 ballot selections, all voting must be by official marksense
622 ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with
623 the voting system, unless a voter requests to vote using marking
624 device or a voter interface device that produces a voter-
625 verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility
626 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of
627 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

628 Section 14. Section 101.5608, Florida Statutes, is amended
629 to read:

630 101.5608 Voting at the polls by electronic or
631 electromechanical method; procedures.—

632 (1) Each voter elector desiring to vote must shall be
633 identified to the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly
634 qualified voter elector of such election and must shall sign his
635 or her name on the precinct register or other form or device
636 provided by the supervisor. The inspector shall compare the
637 signature with the signature on the identification provided by
638 the voter elector. If the inspector is reasonably sure that the
639 person is entitled to vote, the inspector must shall provide the
640 person with a ballot.

641 (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system
642 uses utilizes a ballot card or marksense ballot, the following
643 procedures must shall be followed:

644 (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter
645 elector shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a
646 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or
647 her ballot, the voter must elector shall place the ballot in a
648 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the



649 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

650 (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an
651 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure
652 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be
653 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device
654 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be considered
655 spoiled and a new ballot must ~~shall~~ be provided to the voter
656 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The
657 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall
658 state the possible reasons for the rejection and shall provide
659 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled
660 ballot must ~~shall~~ be preserved, without examination, in an
661 envelope provided for that purpose. ~~The stub shall be removed~~
662 ~~from the ballot and placed in an envelope.~~

663 (c) The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each
664 polling place at least one ballot box to contain the ballots of
665 a particular precinct, and each ballot box must ~~shall~~ be plainly
666 marked with the name of the precinct for which it is intended.

667 (3) The Department of State shall promulgate rules
668 regarding voting procedures to be used when an electronic or
669 electromechanical voting system is of a type which does not use
670 ~~utilize~~ a ballot card ~~or marksense~~ ballot.

671 (4) In any election in which a write-in candidate has
672 qualified for office, the supervisor of elections shall provide
673 for write-in voting pursuant to rules adopted by the Division of
674 Elections.

675 Section 15. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida
676 Statutes, is amended to read:

677 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—



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678 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this
679 section must ~~shall~~ employ test ballots created by the supervisor
680 of elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the
681 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the
682 election, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ also create test ballots
683 using the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to
684 produce ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as
685 will be used for ballots in the election.

686 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida
687 Statutes, is amended to read:

688 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

689 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet ~~at 8~~
690 ~~a.m.~~ on the 9th day after a primary election and ~~at 8 a.m.~~ on
691 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of
692 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and
693 for each constitutional amendment. The meeting must be at 9
694 a.m., except for days the Legislature convenes for organization
695 session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art. III of the State Constitution,
696 on which days the meeting must be at 8 a.m. If a member of a
697 county canvassing board that was constituted pursuant to s.
698 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the certification by the
699 Elections Canvassing Commission, that a typographical error
700 occurred in the official returns of the county, the correction
701 of which could result in a change in the outcome of an election,
702 the county canvassing board must certify corrected returns to
703 the Department of State within 24 hours, and the Elections
704 Canvassing Commission must correct and recertify the election
705 returns as soon as practicable.

706 Section 17. Subsections (3) through (7) of section 102.141,



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707 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

708 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

709 (3) The canvass, except the canvass of absent voters'
710 electors' returns and the canvass of provisional ballots, must
711 shall be made from the returns and certificates of the
712 inspectors as signed and filed by them with the supervisor, and
713 the county canvassing board may shall not change the number of
714 votes cast for a candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment,
715 or other measure submitted to the electorate of the county,
716 respectively, in any polling place, as shown by the returns. All
717 returns must shall be made to the board on or before 2 a.m. of
718 the day following any primary, general, or other election. If
719 the returns from any precinct are missing, if there are any
720 omissions on the returns from any precinct, or if there is an
721 obvious error on any such returns, the canvassing board must
722 shall order a retabulation of the returns from such precinct.
723 Before canvassing such returns, the canvassing board shall
724 examine the tabulation of the ballots cast in such precinct and
725 determine whether the returns correctly reflect the votes cast.
726 If there is a discrepancy between the returns and the tabulation
727 of the ballots cast, the tabulation of the ballots cast must
728 shall be presumed correct and such votes must shall be canvassed
729 accordingly.

730 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the
731 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the
732 day before the election the results of all early voting and
733 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by
734 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),
735 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the



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736 results of such uploads may not be made public before the close
737 of the polls on election day.

738 (b) The supervisor, on behalf of the canvassing board,
739 shall report all early voting and all tabulated vote-by-mail
740 results to the Department of State within 30 minutes after the
741 polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing board shall report, with
742 the exception of provisional ballot results, updated precinct
743 election results by uploading such results to the department at
744 least every 45 minutes until all results are completely
745 reported. The supervisor of elections shall notify the
746 department immediately of any circumstances that do not permit
747 periodic updates as required. Results must shall be submitted in
748 a format prescribed by the department.

749 (5) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
750 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the
751 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or
752 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the
753 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on
754 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns
755 must shall include the canvass of all ballots, including write-
756 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

757 (6) If the county canvassing board determines that the
758 unofficial returns may contain a counting error in which the
759 vote tabulation system failed to count votes that were properly
760 marked in accordance with the instructions on the ballot, the
761 county canvassing board must shall:

762 (a) Correct the error and retabulate the affected ballots
763 with the vote tabulation system; or
764 (b) Request that the Department of State verify the



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765 tabulation software. When the Department of State verifies such
766 software, the department shall compare the software used to
767 tabulate the votes with the software filed with the department
768 pursuant to s. 101.5607 and check the election parameters.

769 (7) If the unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for
770 any office was defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent
771 or less of the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for
772 retention to a judicial office was retained or not retained by
773 one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question
774 of retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was
775 approved or rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the
776 votes cast on such measure, a recount shall be ordered of the
777 votes cast with respect to such office or measure. The Secretary
778 of State is responsible for ordering recounts in races that are
779 federal or, state races that are, and multicounty and any other
780 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or the local
781 board responsible for certifying the election is responsible for
782 ordering recounts in all other races. A recount need not be
783 ordered with respect to the returns for any office, however, if
784 the candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated from
785 contention for such office by one-half of a percent or less of
786 the votes cast for such office request in writing that a recount
787 not be made.

788 (a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a
789 recount shall put each ~~marksense~~ ballot through automatic
790 tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly
791 reflect the votes cast. If any ~~marksense~~ ballot is physically
792 damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic
793 tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall



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794 be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.
795 101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test
796 of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.
797 101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation
798 of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes
799 shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the
800 cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the
801 recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall
802 immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error
803 and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of
804 State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing
805 board shall file a separate incident report with the Department
806 of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying
807 any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.
808 If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not
809 part of the voting system and the ballots have already been
810 processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not
811 required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating
812 equipment again.

813 (b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a
814 recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the
815 counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of
816 the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall
817 election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall
818 election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the
819 counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct
820 and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.

821 (c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
822 formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial



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823 returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,
824 state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns
825 shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any
826 primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after
827 any general election in which a recount was ordered by the
828 Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to
829 complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the
830 deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the
831 canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial
832 returns and the submission shall also include a detailed
833 explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.
834 However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount
835 prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount
836 prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in
837 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

838 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules
839 prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified
840 voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.

841 Section 18. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended
842 to read:

843 102.166 Manual recounts of overvotes and undervotes.—
844 (1) If the second set of unofficial returns pursuant to ss.
845 101.591 and 102.141, ~~s. 102.141~~ indicates that a candidate for
846 any office was defeated or eliminated by one-quarter of a
847 percent or less of the votes cast for such office, that a
848 candidate for retention to a judicial office was retained or not
849 retained by one-quarter of a percent or less of the votes cast
850 on the question of retention, or that a measure appearing on the
851 ballot was approved or rejected by one-quarter of a percent or



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852 less of the votes cast on such measure, a manual recount of the
853 overvotes and undervotes cast in the entire geographic
854 jurisdiction of such office or ballot measure must ~~shall~~ be
855 ordered unless:

856 (a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated from
857 contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the votes
858 cast for such office request in writing that a recount not be
859 made; or

860 (b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than
861 the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the
862 election.

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864 The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering a manual
865 recount for federal or, state races that are multiconty, and
866 any other multiconty races. The county canvassing board or
867 local board responsible for certifying the election is
868 responsible for ordering a manual recount for all other races. A
869 manual recount consists of a recount of ~~marksense~~ ballots or of
870 digital images of those ballots by a person.

871 Section 19. Section 104.51, Florida Statutes, is created to
872 read:

873 104.51 Time limitation; election fraud.—A prosecution for a
874 felony violation under the Florida Election Code must be
875 commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is
876 committed.

877 Section 20. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created
878 to read:

879 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver
880 licenses and identification cards.—



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881 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida
882 identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a
883 United States citizen as last recorded in the system must
884 include his or her legal citizenship status at the time of new
885 issuance, renewal, or replacement.

886 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, the department must, at
887 no charge, issue a renewal or replacement driver license or
888 identification card if a licensee or cardholder timely updates
889 his or her legal status upon becoming a citizen of the United
890 States as required in s. 322.19.

891 Section 21. Subsection (2) of section 121.121, Florida
892 Statutes, is amended to read:

893 121.121 Authorized leaves of absence.—

894 (2) A member who is required to resign his or her office as
895 a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer because
896 he or she is a candidate for a public office which is currently
897 held by his or her superior officer who is also a candidate for
898 reelection to the same office, in accordance with s. 99.012(7)
899 ~~s. 99.012(5)~~, shall, upon return to covered employment, be
900 eligible to purchase retirement credit for the period between
901 his or her date of resignation and the beginning of the term of
902 office for which he or she was a candidate as a leave of absence
903 without pay, as provided in subsection (1).

904 Section 22. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
905 made by this act to section 98.075, Florida Statutes, in a
906 reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 98.065, Florida
907 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

908 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

909 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual



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910 review of voter registration records to identify registration
911 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may
912 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those
913 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has
914 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the
915 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant
916 to s. 98.075(6) and (7).

917 Section 23. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026

919 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
920 And the title is amended as follows:

921 Delete everything before the enacting clause
922 and insert:

923 A bill to be entitled

924 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.021,
925 F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 97.052, F.S.;
926 revising the information the statewide voter
927 registration application is designed to elicit from an
928 applicant to include a certain acknowledgment;
929 amending s. 97.0525, F.S.; requiring that the online
930 voter registration system transmit specified
931 information to the supervisor of elections under
932 specified circumstances; requiring that the
933 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen be
934 recorded in the statewide voter registration system;
935 requiring that if the records of the Department of
936 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles indicate that an
937 applicant is not a United States citizen or has not
938 submitted evidence of citizenship, the online voter



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939 registration system must notify the supervisor of the
940 applicant's legal status and transmit the application
941 to the supervisor; providing that an applicant's
942 digital signature satisfies a certain requirement;
943 providing that if an applicant's name and date of
944 birth cannot be verified, the system must populate
945 certain information into a printable version of the
946 registration application; requiring the applicant to
947 print, complete, sign, date, and deliver such
948 application to the supervisor; requiring that the
949 online voter registration system populate an
950 applicant's information and direct the applicant to
951 perform specified actions under specified conditions;
952 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 97.053,
953 F.S.; providing that applications to update a voter's
954 record are retroactive under a specified condition;
955 requiring supervisors to verify a voter's legal status
956 as a United States citizen using specified sources and
957 initiate a certain notice if applicable; amending s.
958 97.057, F.S.; requiring that an agreement between the
959 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and
960 the Department of State match information regarding
961 the legal status as a United States citizen of
962 applicants applying to vote; requiring the Department
963 of State to include specified information in the
964 statewide voter registration system; requiring the
965 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
966 assist the Department of State in identifying certain
967 changes in information for persons who may be voters;



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968 deleting a provision requiring the Department of State
969 to report certain changes to supervisors; amending s.
970 98.045, F.S.; requiring supervisors to verify the
971 current eligibility of certain applicants within a
972 specified timeframe by reviewing specified information
973 provided by governmental entities to make a
974 determination under specified conditions; requiring
975 the supervisor to deny the application and notify the
976 applicant if a certain determination is made; amending
977 s. 98.075, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to
978 identify certain voters by comparing or receiving
979 information from specified sources; requiring the
980 Department of State to review such information and
981 make an initial determination; requiring the
982 department to notify the supervisor if certain
983 information is credible and reliable and provide a
984 copy of specified documentation to the supervisor;
985 requiring the supervisor to adhere to specified
986 procedures to remove the voter's name from the
987 statewide voter registration system; specifying
988 acceptable documents or evidence of United States
989 citizenship which must be recorded in the statewide
990 voter registration system; amending s. 98.093, F.S.;
991 revising the information that the Department of
992 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is required to
993 furnish weekly to the Department of State; specifying
994 documents acceptable as evidence of United States
995 citizenship; requiring the Department of State to
996 report certain information to supervisors within a



997 specified timeframe and for supervisors to update the
998 voter registration records; requiring that the
999 Department of State use certain information from
1000 federal jury coordinators to identify voters and
1001 applicants who are potentially ineligible; amending s.
1002 99.012, F.S.; prohibiting a person from qualifying for
1003 nomination as a candidate of a political party if the
1004 person has not been a registered member of such party
1005 for a specified timeframe; prohibiting a person from
1006 qualifying for specified public office if the person
1007 has changed his or her name within a specified
1008 timeframe; providing applicability; amending s.
1009 99.021, F.S.; revising the form of candidate oath to
1010 conform to changes made by the act; amending ss.
1011 101.151 and 101.5606, F.S.; conforming provisions to
1012 changes made by the act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.;
1013 requiring that all voting be done by official ballot
1014 using certain pens; providing an exception; amending
1015 s. 101.5608, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the
1016 stub be removed from the ballot and placed in an
1017 envelope; conforming provisions to changes made by the
1018 act; amending s. 101.5612, F.S.; conforming provisions
1019 to changes made by the act; amending s. 102.111, F.S.;
1020 revising the meeting times of the Elections Canvassing
1021 Commission to certify elections returns; amending s.
1022 102.141, F.S.; requiring that supervisors upload
1023 certain results by a specified local time; requiring
1024 the supervisors, on behalf of the canvassing boards,
1025 to report all early voting and all tabulated vote-by-



1026 mail ballots to the department; requiring canvassing
1027 boards to periodically report updated precinct
1028 election results by uploading the results to the
1029 department; conforming provisions to changes made by
1030 the act; amending s. 102.166, F.S.; conforming
1031 provisions to changes made by the act; creating s.
1032 104.51, F.S.; requiring that certain prosecutions be
1033 commenced within a specified timeframe after a
1034 specified violation is committed; creating s. 322.034,
1035 F.S.; requiring, by a specified date, that Florida
1036 driver licenses and Florida identification cards
1037 issued to qualified applicants include the legal
1038 citizenship status of the applicant on the license or
1039 card; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and
1040 Motor Vehicles to issue, at no charge, Florida driver
1041 licenses and Florida identification cards to certain
1042 licensees and cardholders; amending s. 121.121, F.S.;
1043 conforming a cross-reference; reenacting s. 98.065(6),
1044 F.S., relating to registration list maintenance
1045 programs, to incorporate the amendment made to s.
1046 98.075, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an
1047 effective date.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Garcia) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (747052) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

3 Between lines 226 and 227

4 insert:

5 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of office,
8 compensation, custody of registration-related documents, office
9 hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy supervisors;



11 duties.—

12 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be
13 open Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, for a
14 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than
15 9 a.m.

16 (b) The office of the supervisor may close to observe legal
17 holidays and other federal, state, or county-approved holidays,
18 if the office is not otherwise required to be open to fulfill
19 official duties under the Florida Election Code.

20 Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
21 made by this act to section 98.015, Florida Statutes, in a
22 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
23 101.69, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

24 101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—

25 (2) (a) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has
26 received a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted
27 vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor by placing the return mail
28 envelope containing his or her marked ballot in a secure ballot
29 intake station. Secure ballot intake stations shall be placed at
30 the main office of the supervisor, at each permanent branch
31 office of the supervisor which meets the criteria set forth in
32 s. 101.657(1)(a) for branch offices used for early voting and
33 which is open for at least the minimum number of hours
34 prescribed by s. 98.015(4), and at each early voting site.
35 Secure ballot intake stations may also be placed at any other
36 site that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site under
37 s. 101.657(1). Secure ballot intake stations must be
38 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county
39 with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is



40 practicable. Except for secure ballot intake stations at an
41 office of the supervisor, a secure ballot intake station may
42 only be used during the county's early voting hours of operation
43 and must be monitored in person by an employee of the
44 supervisor's office. A secure ballot intake station at an office
45 of the supervisor must be continuously monitored in person by an
46 employee of the supervisor's office when the secure ballot
47 intake station is accessible for deposit of ballots.

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Between lines 969 and 970

52 insert:

53 98.015, F.S.; authorizing the office of the supervisor
54 of elections to close to observe certain holidays
55 under a specified condition; reenacting s.

56 101.69(2) (a), F.S., relating to the offices of the
57 supervisor of elections being open during elections to
58 receive vote-by-mail ballots in secure ballot intake
59 stations, to incorporate the amendment made to s.

60 98.015, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s.

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30 specified actions under specified conditions; amending
31 s. 97.053, F.S.; providing that applications to update
32 a voter's record are retroactive under a specified
33 condition; requiring supervisors to verify a voter's
34 legal status as a United States citizen using
35 specified sources and initiate a certain notice if
36 applicable; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring that
37 an agreement between the Department of Highway Safety
38 and Motor Vehicles and the Department of State match
39 information regarding the legal status as a United
40 States citizen of applicants applying to vote;
41 requiring the Department of State to include specified
42 information in the statewide voter registration
43 system; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and
44 Motor Vehicles to assist the Department of State in
45 identifying certain changes in information for persons
46 who may be voters; deleting a provision requiring the
47 Department of State to report certain changes to
48 supervisors of elections; amending s. 98.045, F.S.;
49 requiring supervisors to verify the current
50 eligibility of certain applicants within a specified
51 timeframe by reviewing specified documents or sources
52 to make a determination under specified conditions;
53 requiring supervisors to deny the application and
54 notify the applicant if a certain determination is
55 made; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; requiring the
56 Department of State to identify certain voters by
57 comparing or receiving information from specified
58 sources; requiring the Department of State to review

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59 such information and make an initial determination;
 60 requiring that the type of document provided or used
 61 to verify United States citizenship be recorded;
 62 requiring the Department of State to notify the
 63 supervisor and provide a copy of certain documentation
 64 if a certain determination is made; requiring
 65 supervisors to follow certain procedures before the
 66 removal of a name from the statewide voter
 67 registration system; specifying documents that are
 68 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship;
 69 requiring that the type of document provided or used
 70 be recorded in the statewide voter registration
 71 system; revising the information contained in the
 72 notice provided to potentially ineligible voters;
 73 amending s. 98.093, F.S.; revising the information
 74 that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 75 Vehicles is required to furnish weekly to the
 76 Department of State; creating s. 98.094, F.S.;
 77 requiring the Division of Elections to provide certain
 78 lists to federal courts for a specified purpose;
 79 requiring jury coordinators to prepare or cause to be
 80 prepared a certain list; requiring that the list be
 81 prepared and sent to the division periodically;
 82 providing that such list may be provided by certain
 83 means; requiring jury coordinators to provide the
 84 division with specified information about each
 85 disqualifed juror; requiring the division to provide
 86 such information to the supervisors to initiate
 87 certain maintenance activities; amending s. 101.151,

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88 F.S.; authorizing polling places and early voting
 89 sites to use ballot-on-demand technology to produce
 90 early voting ballots; conforming provisions to changes
 91 made by the act; amending s. 101.5606, F.S.;
 92 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
 93 amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; requiring that all voting
 94 be done by official ballot using certain pens or
 95 markers; authorizing persons with disabilities to vote
 96 using a certain voter interface device; amending ss.
 97 101.5608 and 101.5612, F.S.; conforming provisions to
 98 changes made by the act; amending s. 101.591, F.S.;
 99 requiring the county canvassing board or specified
 100 local board to conduct an automated independent vote
 101 validation of the voting systems used in all
 102 precincts; deleting provisions related to manual
 103 audits; specifying requirements for the automated
 104 independent vote validation process; requiring the
 105 division to adopt certain rules; requiring the
 106 canvassing board to publish a certain notice on
 107 specified websites or in certain newspapers; requiring
 108 that the automated independent vote validation process
 109 be open to the public; requiring that such process be
 110 completed before the certification of the election by
 111 the county canvassing board; requiring the county
 112 canvassing board or the board responsible for
 113 certifying the election to provide a certain report to
 114 the Department of State; requiring that each county's
 115 report be consolidated into one report and included
 116 with a specified report; revising requirements for

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117 such report; requiring the department to consolidate
 118 county results and include such results in a post-
 119 general election report to the Governor and the
 120 Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 101.5911,
 121 F.S.; revising rulemaking authority for the department
 122 to implement the automated independent vote validation
 123 process; amending s. 101.595, F.S.; conforming
 124 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
 125 102.111, F.S.; revising the meeting times of the
 126 Elections Canvassing Commission to certify elections
 127 returns; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; requiring that
 128 supervisors upload certain results by a specified
 129 local time; requiring the supervisors, on behalf of
 130 the canvassing boards, to report all early voting and
 131 all tabulated vote-by-mail ballots to the department;
 132 requiring canvassing boards to periodically report
 133 updated precinct election results by uploading the
 134 results to the department; requiring counties to
 135 conduct an automated independent vote validation
 136 process for specified purposes; requiring that such
 137 process be completed within a specified timeframe;
 138 requiring the county canvassing board to take certain
 139 actions under certain circumstances; requiring the
 140 proper county election official to conduct a system
 141 validation review using certain images under a
 142 specified condition; providing the scope of the
 143 review; deleting provisions providing procedures for
 144 county canvassing boards to conduct a certain recount;
 145 requiring the canvassing board to publish notice of

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146 such review on specified websites or in specified
 147 newspapers; providing that such review is open to the
 148 public; requiring the canvassing board to submit on
 149 certain forms the vote validation for specified
 150 contests; providing procedures in the event the
 151 canvassing board is unable to complete such review in
 152 the required timeframe; requiring the department to
 153 adopt certain rules; revising the contents of a report
 154 on the conduct of the election filed by supervisors
 155 with the division after the Elections Canvassing
 156 Commission certifies an election; conforming
 157 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
 158 102.166, F.S.; providing that specified indications or
 159 confirmations require a manual review of overvotes and
 160 undervotes; providing that the Secretary of State is
 161 responsible for ordering such reviews for specified
 162 races; requiring that such reviews be open to the
 163 public; authorizing each political party to designate
 164 a specified person to be allowed in the room where
 165 such review is conducted; prohibiting such designee
 166 from interfering with the normal operation of the
 167 canvassing board; requiring the department to adopt
 168 certain rules; conforming provisions to changes made
 169 by the act; creating s. 104.51, F.S.; requiring that
 170 certain prosecutions be commenced within a specified
 171 timeframe after a specified violation is committed;
 172 creating s. 322.034, F.S.; requiring, by a specified
 173 date, that driver licenses and Florida identification
 174 cards issued to qualified applicants include the legal

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175 citizenship status of the applicant on the license or
 176 card; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and
 177 Motor Vehicles to issue, at no charge, driver licenses
 178 and Florida identification cards to certain licensees
 179 and cardholders; reenacting s. 98.065(6), F.S.,
 180 relating to registration list maintenance programs, to
 181 incorporate the amendment made to s. 98.075, F.S., in
 182 a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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 186 Section 1. Subsections (6), (43), and (47) of section
 187 97.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

188 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
 189 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:
 190 (6) "Ballot" or "official ballot" means a printed sheet of
 191 paper containing contests, including offices and candidates,
 192 constitutional amendments, and other public measures, upon which
 193 a voter's selections will be marked by using the pen or marker
 194 recommended by the voting system vendor. The term includes a
 195 voter-verifiable paper output upon which a voter's selections
 196 are marked by a voter interface device that meets voter
 197 accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities
 198 under s. 301 of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s.
 199 101.56062 when used in reference to

200 (a) "Electronic or electromechanical devices" means a
 201 ballot that is voted by the process of electronically
 202 designating, including by touchscreen, or marking with a marking
 203 device for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data

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204 processing equipment.

205 (b) "Marksense ballots" means that printed sheet of paper,
 206 used in conjunction with an electronic or electromechanical vote
 207 tabulation voting system, containing the names of candidates, or
 208 a statement of proposed constitutional amendments or other
 209 questions or propositions submitted to the electorate at any
 210 election, on which sheet of paper an elector casts his or her
 211 vote.

212 (43) "Voter interface device" means any device that
 213 communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a
 214 voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates and
 215 issues. A voter interface device may not be used to tabulate
 216 votes. Any vote tabulation must be based upon a subsequent scan
 217 of the marked marksense ballot or the voter-verifiable paper
 218 output after the voter interface device process has been
 219 completed.

220 (47) "Voting system" means a method of casting and
 221 processing votes which that functions wholly or partly by use of
 222 electromechanical or electronic apparatus or by use of marksense
 223 ballots and includes, but is not limited to, the equipment,
 224 hardware, firmware, and software; the ballots; the procedures
 225 for casting and processing votes; and the programs, operating
 226 manuals, and supplies; and the reports, printouts, and other
 227 documentation software necessary for the system's operation.

228 Section 2. Section 97.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 229 read:

230 97.051 Oath upon registering.—A person registering to vote
 231 must subscribe to the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or
 232 affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the

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United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that all information provided in this application is true. I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a United States citizen and that I have carefully reviewed the instructions for completing the Florida Voter Registration Application. I understand that if I have provided false information on this application, I could be subject to criminal penalties, fines, or imprisonment for perjury, and, if not a United States citizen, deportation from the United States.

Section 3. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of section 97.052, Florida Statutes, to read:

97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

(2) The uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit the following information from the applicant:

(v) Documentation required by the Election Assistance Commission or federal law.

Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.0525 Online voter registration.—

(4)(a) The online voter registration system must shall compare the Florida driver license number or Florida identification number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with information maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the application are consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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(b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen is verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the online voter registration system must shall transmit, using the statewide voter registration system maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's registration application, along with the digital signature of the applicant on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s. 97.052(2)(q). The applicant's legal status as a United States citizen must be recorded in the statewide voter registration system.

(c) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or if the applicant indicated that he or she has not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card, the online voter registration system must shall populate the applicant's information, except for the applicant's personal identifying number, into a printable voter registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2) which and direct the applicant may to print, complete, sign, and date, the application and deliver the application to the supervisor of elections for disposition pursuant to s. 97.073.

(d) If the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen cannot be verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the online voter registration system must notify the supervisor of elections that the

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291 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen could not be
 292 verified and transmit, using the statewide voter registration
 293 system maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's
 294 registration application, along with the digital signature of
 295 the applicant on file with the Department of Highway Safety and
 296 Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
 297 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
 298 97.052(2)(g).

299 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been
 300 issued a Florida driver license or identification card, or
 301 chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to
 302 print, sign, and deliver to the supervisor, the online voter
 303 registration system must populate the applicant's information
 304 into a printable voter registration application pursuant to s.
 305 97.052(2) and direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the
 306 application and deliver the application to the supervisor for
 307 disposition under s. 97.073.

308 Section 5. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 97.053,
 309 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

310 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—
 311 (2) A voter registration application is complete and
 312 becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant
 313 when all information necessary to establish the applicant's
 314 eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 is received by a voter
 315 registration official and verified pursuant to subsection (6).
 316 Except as provided in subsection (6), if the applicant fails to
 317 complete his or her voter registration application on or before
 318 prior to the date of book closing for an election, then such
 319 applicant is shall not be eligible to vote in that election.

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320 (6)(a) A voter registration application, including an
 321 application with a change in name, address, or party
 322 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department
 323 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the Florida
 324 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,
 325 or the last four digits of the social security number provided
 326 by the applicant. If a completed voter registration application
 327 has been received by the book-closing deadline but the Florida
 328 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,
 329 or the last four digits of the social security number provided
 330 by the applicant cannot be verified, the applicant must shall be
 331 notified that the number cannot be verified and that the
 332 applicant must provide evidence to the supervisor sufficient to
 333 verify the authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver
 334 license number, Florida identification card number, or last four
 335 digits of the social security number. If the applicant provides
 336 the necessary evidence, the supervisor must shall place the
 337 applicant's name on the registration rolls as an active voter.
 338 If the applicant has not provided the necessary evidence or the
 339 number has not otherwise been verified prior to the applicant
 340 presenting himself or herself to vote, the applicant must shall
 341 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must
 342 shall be counted only if the number is verified by the end of
 343 the canvassing period or if the applicant presents evidence to
 344 the supervisor of elections sufficient to verify the
 345 authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver license number,
 346 Florida identification card number, or last four digits of the
 347 social security number no later than 5 p.m. of the second day
 348 following the election.

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349 (b) If the application is made to update the voter's record
 350 with a change of address, name, or party affiliation, such
 351 change is retroactive to the date the application was initially
 352 received once the required sufficient evidence is verified.

353 (c) Immediately after registration or an update to a
 354 registration, the supervisor of elections shall verify the
 355 voter's legal status as a United States citizen using available
 356 state and federal governmental sources and, if applicable,
 357 initiate notice pursuant to s. 98.075(7).

358 Section 6. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 97.057,
 359 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

360 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
 361 Safety and Motor Vehicles.-

362 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
 363 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match
 364 information in the statewide voter registration system with
 365 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety
 366 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy
 367 of the Florida driver license number, Florida identification
 368 number, or last four digits of the social security number and
 369 the legal status as a United States citizen, provided on
 370 applications for voter registration as required in s. 97.053.
 371 The department shall also include in the statewide voter
 372 registration system the type of documentary proof that the
 373 licensee or cardholder provided as evidence of United States
 374 citizenship.

375 (13) Notwithstanding declinations to register or to update
 376 a voter registration pursuant to paragraph (2)(b), the
 377 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in accordance

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378 with s. 98.093(8), shall ~~must~~ assist the Department of State in
 379 ~~regularly~~ identifying changes in residence address on the
 380 Florida driver license or Florida identification card or changes
 381 in the Florida driver license or Florida identification card
 382 number of such persons who may be voters of a voter. The
 383 ~~Department of State must report each such change to the~~
 384 ~~appropriate supervisor of elections who must change the voter's~~
 385 ~~registration records in accordance with s. 98.065(4)~~.

386 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida
 387 Statutes, is amended to read:

388 98.045 Administration of voter registration.-

389 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.-

390 (a) The supervisor ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ ensure that any eligible
 391 applicant for voter registration is registered to vote and that
 392 each application for voter registration is processed in
 393 accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine whether a
 394 voter registration applicant is ineligible based on any of the
 395 following:

396 1.~~(a)~~ The failure to complete a voter registration
 397 application as specified in s. 97.053.

398 2.~~(b)~~ The applicant is deceased.

399 3.~~(c)~~ The applicant has been convicted of a felony for
 400 which his or her voting rights have not been restored.

401 4.~~(d)~~ The applicant has been adjudicated mentally
 402 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right
 403 has not been restored.

404 5.~~(e)~~ The applicant does not meet the age requirement
 405 pursuant to s. 97.041.

406 6.~~(f)~~ The applicant is not a United States citizen.

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407 7.~~(g)~~ The applicant is a fictitious person.
 408 8.~~(h)~~ The applicant has provided an address of legal
 409 residence that is not his or her legal residence.
 410 9.~~(i)~~ The applicant has provided a Florida driver license
 411 number, Florida identification card number, or the last four
 412 digits of a social security number that is not verifiable by the
 413 department.
 414 (b) If the latest voter registration records show that a
 415 new applicant was previously registered but subsequently removed
 416 for ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.075(7), the supervisor must
 417 verify the current eligibility of the applicant to register
 418 within 10 days after receipt of such records by reviewing any
 419 document provided by a governmental entity or other source to
 420 determine whether the applicant remains ineligible. If the
 421 supervisor determines that the applicant is ineligible, the
 422 supervisor must deny the application and notify the applicant
 423 pursuant to s. 97.073.
 424 Section 8. Subsection (6) and paragraph (a) of subsection
 425 (7) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 426 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
 427 ineligibility determinations.—
 428 (6) ELIGIBILITY.—
 429 (a) Citizenship.—The department shall identify those
 430 registered voters who are potentially ineligible for noncitizen
 431 status by comparing or receiving information from, but not
 432 limited to, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles,
 433 clerks of state and federal courts, and the United States
 434 Department of Homeland Security, including as may be provided in
 435 s. 98.093. The department shall review such information and make

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436 an initial determination as to whether the information is
 437 credible and reliable. The type of document provided or used to
 438 verify United States citizenship must be recorded in the
 439 statewide voter registration system. If the department
 440 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the
 441 department must notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the
 442 supporting documentation indicating potential ineligibility of
 443 the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the
 444 department has made a determination of initial credibility and
 445 reliability, the supervisor must adhere to the procedures set
 446 forth in subsection (7) before the removal of a registered
 447 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.
 448 (b) Acceptable documents.—Any of the following documents
 449 are acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship:
 450 1. A current and valid United States passport.
 451 2. A birth certificate from any state in the United States.
 452 3. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United
 453 States Department of State.
 454 4. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
 455 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
 456 and Motor Vehicles, if such driver license or identification
 457 card indicates United States citizenship.
 458 5. A naturalization certificate or certificate of
 459 citizenship issued by the United States Department of Homeland
 460 Security. Alternatively, a certificate number or an alien
 461 registration number may be provided to allow a state or local
 462 election official to verify United States citizenship.
 463 6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the
 464 Federal Government or the state which indicates United States

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465 citizenship.

466 7. An order from a federal court granting United States

467 citizenship.

468 8. If the applicant's legal name is different from the name

469 that appears on one of the documents specified in this

470 subparagraph, official legal documentation providing proof of

471 legal name change.

472

473 The type of document provided or used to verify citizenship must

474 be recorded in the statewide voter registration system.

475 (c) Other bases for ineligibility.—~~OTHER BASES FOR~~

476 ~~INELIGIBILITY.~~ Subsections (2)-(5) do not limit or restrict the

477 department or the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon

478 direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge of information from

479 any governmental entity that identifies a registered voter as

480 potentially ineligible. If the department or supervisor receives

481 information from any governmental entity other than those

482 identified in subsections (2)-(5) that a registered voter is

483 ineligible because the voter is deceased, adjudicated a

484 convicted felon without having had his or her voting rights

485 restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had

486 his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age

487 requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States

488 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address that

489 is not his or her address of legal residence, the supervisor

490 must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7) before

491 the removal of the name of a registered voter who is determined

492 to be ineligible from the statewide voter registration system.

493 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

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494 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information

495 pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in

496 which the voter is registered must:

497 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential

498 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or

499 information. The notice must include:

500 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's

501 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon

502 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation

503 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined

504 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as

505 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

506 b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after

507 receipt of the notice may result in a determination of

508 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from

509 the statewide voter registration system.

510 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to

511 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the

512 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by

513 the supervisor.

514 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy

515 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the

516 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of

517 determining eligibility.

518 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the

519 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is

520 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

521 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights

522 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and

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523 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
 524 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
 525 conviction, if applicable.

526 g. A list of acceptable documents or evidence of United
 527 States citizenship which, if provided or used to verify the
 528 voter as a United States citizen, must be recorded in the
 529 statewide voter registration system:

530 (I) A current and valid United States passport.

531 (II) A birth certificate from any state in the United
 532 States.

533 (III) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
 534 United States Department of State.

535 (IV) A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
 536 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
 537 and Motor Vehicles, if such driver license or identification
 538 card indicates United States citizenship.

539 (V) A naturalization certificate or a certificate of
 540 citizenship issued by the United States Department of Homeland
 541 Security. Alternatively, a certificate number or an alien
 542 registration number may be provided to allow a state or local
 543 election official to verify United States citizenship.

544 (VI) A current and valid photo identification issued by the
 545 Federal Government or the state which indicates United States
 546 citizenship.

547 (VII) An order from a federal court granting United States
 548 citizenship.

549 (VIII) If the applicant's legal name is different from the
 550 name that appears on one of the documents specified in this sub-
 551 paragraph, official legal documentation providing proof of

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552 legal name change.

553 h. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
 554 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
 555 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
 556 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
 557 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
 558 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
 559 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
 560 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
 561 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

562 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the
 563 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned
 564 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general
 565 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered
 566 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.
 567 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by
 568 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

569 a. The voter's name and address.

570 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to
 571 be registered to vote.

572 c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after
 573 the notice is published may result in a determination of
 574 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered
 575 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

576 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor
 577 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to
 578 receive information regarding the basis for the potential
 579 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

580 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance

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581 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections
 582 of the county in which the voter is registered.

583 f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of
 584 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
 585 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
 586 determining eligibility.

587 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
 588 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
 589 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
 590 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
 591 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
 592 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
 593 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
 594 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
 595 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

596 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice
 597 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor
 598 must make a final determination of the voter's eligibility
 599 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to
 600 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is
 601 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the
 602 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system
 603 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter
 604 of the supervisor's determination and action.

605 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to
 606 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of
 607 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
 608 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, make a final
 609 determination of ineligibility and remove the voter's name from

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610 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall
 611 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
 612 and action.

613 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued
 614 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the
 615 accuracy of the information underlying the potential
 616 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor
 617 must review the evidence and make a determination of eligibility
 618 no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the
 619 voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is
 620 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the
 621 statewide voter registration system upon such determination and
 622 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
 623 and action and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a
 624 determination of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755. If such
 625 registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor must send
 626 notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and
 627 place specified in the notice. The supervisor shall schedule and
 628 issue notice for the hearing within 7 days after receiving the
 629 voter's request for a hearing and shall hold the hearing no
 630 later than 30 days after issuing the notice of the hearing. A
 631 voter may request an extension upon showing good cause by
 632 submitting an affidavit to the supervisor as to why he or she is
 633 unable to attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all
 634 evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a
 635 determination of eligibility within 7 days. If the supervisor
 636 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the
 637 supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter
 638 registration system and notify the registered voter of the

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 639 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
 640 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant
 641 to s. 98.0755.

642 Section 9. Subsection (8) of section 98.093, Florida
 643 Statutes, is amended to read:

644 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to
 645 deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,
 646 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United
 647 States citizens.-

648 (8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.-The
 649 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish
 650 weekly to the department the following information:

651 (a) Information identifying those persons whose names have
 652 been removed from the Florida driver license or Florida
 653 identification card database during the preceding week because
 654 they have been licensed or been issued an identification card in
 655 another state. The information must contain the person's name,
 656 last known Florida address, date of birth, sex, last four digits
 657 of his or her social security number, and Florida driver license
 658 number or Florida identification card number and, if available,
 659 the address and the state in which the person is now licensed.

660 (b) Information identifying those persons who during the
 661 preceding week presented evidence of non-United States
 662 citizenship upon being issued a new or renewed Florida driver
 663 license or Florida identification card. The information must
 664 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four
 665 digits of the social security number, if applicable; Florida
 666 driver license number or Florida identification card number, as
 667 available; and alien registration number or other legal status

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 668 identifier.

669 (c) Information identifying those persons who during the
 670 preceding week presented evidence of United States citizenship
 671 upon being issued a new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver
 672 license or Florida identification card. The information must
 673 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four
 674 digits of the social security number, if applicable; Florida
 675 driver license number or Florida identification card number, as
 676 available; the type of documentary proof provided in support of
 677 citizenship; and, if applicable, the alien registration number
 678 or other legal status identifier.

679 (d) Information identifying a change in residence address
 680 on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of
 681 any person who declined pursuant to s. 97.057(2) to register or
 682 update his or her voter record. The information must contain the
 683 person's name; date of birth; sex; last four digits of the
 684 social security number, if available; and Florida driver license
 685 or Florida identification card number, as available, in order to
 686 identify a voter's registration record. The Department of State
 687 must report each such change in residence address to the
 688 appropriate supervisor, who must change the voter's registration
 689 records in accordance with s. 98.065(4).

690 (e) Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement
 691 Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers
 692 issued to persons who declined pursuant to s. 97.057(2) to
 693 register or update their voter record. The information must
 694 contain the person's name; date of birth; last four digits of
 695 the social security number, if available; and the prior and
 696 current Florida driver license or Florida identification card

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 697 number in order to identify a voter's registration record. The
 698 Department of State shall report the prior and current numbers
 699 to the appropriate supervisor, who must update the voter's
 700 registration records and provide a notice of change to the
 701 voter.

702 (f) Information identifying those persons for which it has
 703 received official information during the preceding week that the
 704 person is deceased. The information must contain the name,
 705 address, date of birth, last four digits of the social security
 706 number, Florida driver license number or Florida identification
 707 card number, and date of death of each such person.

708 Section 10. Section 98.094, Florida Statutes, is created to
 709 read:

710 98.094 Federal jury notice.—

711 (1) The division shall provide lists of registered voters
 712 to federal courts for the purpose of selecting jurors on the
 713 condition that the jury coordinator provides notice pursuant to
 714 subsection (2) regarding ineligible or potentially ineligible
 715 voters.

716 (2) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be
 717 prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially
 718 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service due to not
 719 having United States citizenship, being convicted of a felony,
 720 being deceased, being a nonresident of this state, or being a
 721 nonresident of the county. The list must be prepared and sent to
 722 the division according to the jury summons cycle used by the
 723 court clerk. This section does not prevent the list from being
 724 sent more frequently. The list may be provided by mail or by e-
 725 mail or other electronic means.

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 726 (3) The jury coordinator shall provide the division with
 727 all of the following information about each disqualified juror:
 728 (a) The full name of the disqualified juror.
 729 (b) Current and prior addresses, if any.
 730 (c) Telephone number, if available.
 731 (d) Date of birth.
 732 (e) The reason the prospective juror was disqualified.
 733 (4) The division shall provide the information to the
 734 respective supervisor in the county of residence for the
 735 disqualified juror for the supervisor to initiate, as may be
 736 applicable, registration list maintenance pursuant to s. 98.065
 737 or eligibility maintenance pursuant to s. 98.075(7).

738 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 101.151, Florida
 739 Statutes, is amended to read:

740 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

741 (1) (a) Marksense Ballots must shall be printed on paper of
 742 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from
 743 the back and must shall meet the specifications of the voting
 744 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

745 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a
 746 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual marksense
 747 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible electors.
 748 Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce marksense
 749 vote-by-mail, early voting, and election-day ballots.

750 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida
 751 Statutes, is amended to read:

752 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No
 753 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved
 754 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

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755 (4) For systems using marksense ballots, It accepts a
 756 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to
 757 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has
 758 been overvoted or undervoted.

759 Section 13. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is amended
 760 to read:

761 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating
 762 ballot selections, all voting must be by official marksense
 763 ballot, using a pen or marker recommended by the voting system
 764 vendor. Persons with disabilities may vote using marking device
 765 ~~or a voter interface device that produces a voter-verifiable~~
 766 paper output and meets the voter accessibility requirements for
 767 individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of the federal Help
 768 America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

769 Section 14. Section 101.5608, Florida Statutes, is amended
 770 to read:

771 101.5608 Voting ~~at the polls by electronic or~~
 772 ~~electromechanical method~~; procedures.—

773 (1) Each voter elector desiring to vote must shall be
 774 identified to the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly
 775 qualified voter elector of such election and must shall sign his
 776 or her name on the precinct register or other form or device
 777 provided by the supervisor. The inspector shall compare the
 778 signature with the signature on the identification provided by
 779 the voter elector. If the inspector is reasonably sure that the
 780 person is entitled to vote, the inspector must shall provide the
 781 person with a ballot.

782 (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system
 783 uses utilizes a ballot card or marksense ballot, the following

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784 procedures must shall be followed:

785 (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter
 786 elector shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a
 787 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or
 788 her ballot, the voter must elector shall place the ballot in a
 789 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the
 790 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

791 (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an
 792 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure
 793 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be
 794 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device
 795 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must shall be considered
 796 spoiled and a new ballot must shall be provided to the voter
 797 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The
 798 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall
 799 state the possible reasons for the rejection and shall provide
 800 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled
 801 ballot must shall be preserved, without examination, in an
 802 envelope provided for that purpose. The stub must shall be
 803 removed from the ballot and placed in an envelope.

804 (c) The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each
 805 polling place at least one ballot box to contain the ballots of
 806 a particular precinct, and each ballot box must shall be plainly
 807 marked with the name of the precinct for which it is intended.

808 (3) The Department of State shall promulgate rules
 809 regarding voting procedures to be used when an electronic or
 810 electromechanical voting system is of a type which does not use
 811 utilize a ballot card or marksense ballot.

812 (4) In any election in which a write-in candidate has

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 813 qualified for office, the supervisor of elections shall provide
 814 for write-in voting pursuant to rules adopted by the Division of
 815 Elections.

816 Section 15. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida
 817 Statutes, is amended to read:

818 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

819 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this
 820 section must shall employ test ballots created by the supervisor
 821 of elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the
 822 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the
 823 election, the supervisor must shall also create test ballots
 824 using the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to
 825 produce ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as
 826 will be used for ballots in the election.

827 Section 16. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes, is amended
 828 to read:

829 101.591 Voting system automated independent vote validation
 830 process; system approval; procedures audit.—

831 (1) Before immediately following the certification of each
 832 election, the county canvassing board or the local board
 833 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct a manual
 834 audit or an automated, independent vote validation audit of the
 835 voting systems used in all randomly selected precincts.

836 (2) (a) A manual audit shall consist of a public manual
 837 tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that
 838 appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-
 839 day, vote by mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas
 840 ballots, in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the
 841 precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the

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 842 ~~local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1~~
 843 ~~percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the~~
 844 ~~audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at~~
 845 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~
 846 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~
 847 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

848 (b) An automated independent vote validation process must
 849 audit shall consist of an a public automated verification of the
 850 tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on the
 851 ballot. The tally sheet must shall include all valid election
 852 day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas
 853 ballots received by the start of the vote validation process in
 854 all at least 20 percent of the precincts chosen at random by the
 855 county canvassing board or the local board responsible for
 856 certifying the election. Such precincts shall be selected at a
 857 publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.

858 (b) (e) The division shall adopt rules for approval of an
 859 automated independent vote validation audit system which provide
 860 that the system, at a minimum, must be:

861 1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.
 862 2. Fast enough to produce final vote validation audit
 863 results within the timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).
 864 3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record have
 865 been accurately adjudicated by the automated independent vote
 866 validation audit system in agreement with the vote tabulation
 867 system and capable of allowing the canvassing board to manually
 868 adjudicate ballots needing review. A canvassing board is not
 869 precluded from reviewing a digital image of a ballot
 870 corresponding to a physical paper ballot in conducting its

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871 review.

872 (3) The canvassing board shall publish notice on the county
 873 website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor of
 874 elections' website, or once in one or more newspapers of general
 875 circulation in the county post a notice of the automated
 876 independent vote validation process audit, including the date,
 877 time, and place, in four conspicuous places in the county and on
 878 the home page of the county supervisor of elections website.
 879 Such process must be open to the public.

880 (4) The automated independent vote validation process audit
 881 must be completed and the results made public before the
 882 certification of the election by each county canvassing board
 883 and in accordance with s. 102.141 no later than 11:59 p.m. on
 884 the 7th day following certification of the election by the
 885 county canvassing board or the local board responsible for
 886 certifying the election.

887 (5) By December 15 of each general election year, the
 888 county canvassing board or the board responsible for certifying
 889 the election shall provide a report with the results of the
 890 automated independent vote validation process audit to the
 891 Department of State in a standard format as prescribed by the
 892 department pursuant to its rulemaking authority in s. 101.5911.
 893 Each county's The report must be consolidated into one report
 894 and included with the overvote and undervote report required
 895 under s. 101.595(1). The report must, at a minimum, shall
 896 contain all of, but is not limited to, the following items:

897 (a) The overall agreement accuracy of the automated
 898 independent vote validation process audit.

899 (b) A description of any problems or differences

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900 discrepancies encountered.

901 (c) The likely cause of such problems or differences
 902 discrepancies.

903 (d) Recommended corrective action with respect to avoiding
 904 or mitigating such circumstances in future elections.

905 (6) The department shall consolidate the county automated
 906 independent vote validation results and include the results as
 907 part of a post-general election report required under ss.
 908 101.595 and 102.141 to the Governor, the President of the
 909 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
 910 February 15 of each year following a general election ~~If a~~
 911 manual recount is undertaken pursuant to s. 102.166, the
 912 canvassing board is not required to perform the audit provided
 913 for in this section.

914 Section 17. Section 101.5911, Florida Statutes, is amended
 915 to read:

916 101.5911 Rulemaking authority for automated independent
 917 vote validation process voting system approval; audit
 918 procedures. ~~Effective upon this act becoming a law, The~~
 919 ~~department of State shall adopt rules to implement the~~
 920 ~~provisions of s. 101.591, as amended by s. 8, chapter 2007-30,~~
 921 ~~Laws of Florida, which provides for the testing and approval of~~
 922 ~~an automated independent vote validation system, and prescribe~~
 923 ~~detailed automated independent vote validation process audit~~
 924 ~~procedures for each voting system, which must shall be uniform~~
 925 ~~to the extent practicable, along with the standard form for~~
 926 ~~automated independent vote validation process audit reports.~~

927 Section 18. Section 101.595, Florida Statutes, is amended
 928 to read:

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929 101.595 Analysis of overvotes and undervotes and reports of
 930 voting problems.-

931 (1) No later than December 15 of each general election
 932 year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to
 933 the Department of State the total number of overvotes and
 934 undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor
 935 and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot
 936 or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot
 937 pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for
 938 such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be
 939 useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and
 940 identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which
 941 may have contributed to voter confusion. ~~This report must be
 942 consolidated into one report with the audit report required
 943 under s. 101.591(5).~~

944 (2) The Department of State, upon receipt of such
 945 information, shall prepare a public report on the performance of
 946 each type of voting system. The report must contain, but is not
 947 limited to, the following information:

948 (a) An identification of problems with the ballot design or
 949 instructions which may have contributed to voter confusion;
 950 (b) An identification of voting system design problems; and
 951 (c) Recommendations for correcting any problems identified.

952 (3) The Department of State shall submit the overvote and
 953 undervote analysis required in subsection (2) as part of the
 954 post-general election report required under ss. 101.591 and
 955 102.141 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
 956 Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 15 of each
 957 year following a general election.

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958 Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida
 959 Statutes, is amended to read:

960 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.-
 961 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet ~~at 8~~
 962 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and ~~at 8~~ a.m. on
 963 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of
 964 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and
 965 for each constitutional amendment. The meeting must be at 9
 966 a.m., except for days the Legislature convenes for organization
 967 session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art. III of the State Constitution,
 968 on which days the meeting must be at 8 a.m. If a member of a
 969 county canvassing board that was constituted pursuant to s.
 970 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the certification by the
 971 Elections Canvassing Commission, that a typographical error
 972 occurred in the official returns of the county, the correction
 973 of which could result in a change in the outcome of an election,
 974 the county canvassing board must certify corrected returns to
 975 the Department of State within 24 hours, and the Elections
 976 Canvassing Commission must correct and recertify the election
 977 returns as soon as practicable.

978 Section 20. Subsections (3) through (11) of section
 979 102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

980 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.-
 981 (3) The canvass, except the canvass of absent voters'
 982 ~~electors'~~ returns and the canvass of provisional ballots, must
 983 shall be made from the returns and certificates of the
 984 inspectors as signed and filed by them with the supervisor, and
 985 the county canvassing board may shall not change the number of
 986 votes cast for a candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment,

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987 or other measure submitted to the electorate of the county,
 988 respectively, in any polling place, as shown by the returns. All
 989 returns must ~~shall~~ be made to the board on or before 2 a.m. of
 990 the day following any primary, general, or other election. If
 991 the returns from any precinct are missing, if there are any
 992 omissions on the returns from any precinct, or if there is an
 993 obvious error on any such returns, the canvassing board must
 994 ~~shall~~ order a retabulation of the returns from such precinct.
 995 Before canvassing such returns, the canvassing board shall
 996 examine the tabulation of the ballots cast in such precinct and
 997 determine whether the returns correctly reflect the votes cast.
 998 If there is a discrepancy between the returns and the tabulation
 999 of the ballots cast, the tabulation of the ballots cast must
 1000 ~~shall~~ be presumed correct and such votes must ~~shall~~ be canvassed
 1001 accordingly.

1002 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the
 1003 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the
 1004 day before the election the results of all early voting and
 1005 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by
 1006 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),
 1007 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the
 1008 results of such uploads may not be made public before the close
 1009 of the polls on election day.

1010 (b) The supervisor, on behalf of the canvassing board,
 1011 shall report all early voting and all tabulated vote-by-mail
 1012 results to the Department of State within 30 minutes after the
 1013 polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing board shall report, with
 1014 the exception of provisional ballot results, updated precinct
 1015 election results by uploading such results to the department at

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1016 least every 45 minutes until all results are completely
 1017 reported. The supervisor of elections shall notify the
 1018 department immediately of any circumstances that do not permit
 1019 periodic updates as required. Results must ~~shall~~ be submitted in
 1020 a format prescribed by the department.

1021 (5) (a) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
 1022 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the
 1023 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or
 1024 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the
 1025 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on
 1026 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns
 1027 must ~~shall~~ include the canvass of all ballots, including write-
 1028 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

1029 (b) After unofficial results are reported, each county
 1030 shall conduct an automated independent vote validation process
 1031 to confirm that the votes processed through the vote tabulation
 1032 system for a candidate for any office, candidate for retention
 1033 to a judicial office, or a measure appearing on the ballot do
 1034 not:

1035 1. Have a discrepancy of more than one-half of a percent
 1036 when compared to the results of the automated independent vote
 1037 validation system; or

1038 2. Result in a change in the outcome of the contest.

1039
 1040 The automated independent vote validation process must be
 1041 completed by no later than noon on the 6th day after any primary
 1042 election and no later than noon on the 7th day after any general
 1043 or other election.

1044 (c) (6) If the county canvassing board determines, after the

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1045 county conducts the automated independent vote validation
 1046 process in accordance with s. 101.591 and the comparison of the
 1047 results of the vote tabulation and the automated independent
 1048 vote validation, that the unofficial returns may contain a
 1049 counting error in which the vote tabulation system or the
 1050 automated independent vote validation system failed to count
 1051 votes that were properly marked in accordance with the
 1052 instructions on the ballot, the county canvassing board must
 1053 shall:

1054 1.(a) Correct the error and retabulate the affected ballots
 1055 with the vote tabulation system or the automated independent
 1056 vote validation system; or

1057 2.(b) Request that the Department of State verify the
 1058 tabulation software of the affected system. When the Department
 1059 of State verifies such software, the department shall compare
 1060 the software used to tabulate the votes with the software filed
 1061 with the department pursuant to s. 101.5607 and check the
 1062 election parameters.

1063 (6) (a) If the comparison of the results of the vote
 1064 tabulation system and the automated independent vote validation
 1065 system reflects a difference as described in paragraph (b), the
 1066 proper county election official under the oversight of the
 1067 county canvassing board must conduct a system validation review
 1068 using the images in the automated independent vote validation
 1069 system of the ballots in disagreement, which review must
 1070 include, but need not be limited to, a review of any clear
 1071 overvotes or undervotes that appear in the automated independent
 1072 vote validation system to adjudicate the voter intent of such
 1073 ballots before certification of the county's official results.

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1074 (7) If the unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for
 1075 any office was defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent
 1076 or less of the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for
 1077 retention to a judicial office was retained or not retained by
 1078 one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question
 1079 of retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was
 1080 approved or rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the
 1081 votes cast on such measure, a system validation review must
 1082 ~~recount~~ shall be ordered of the votes cast with respect to such
 1083 office or measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for
 1084 ordering such system validation reviews ~~recounts~~ in races that
 1085 are federal or, state races that are, and multicounty and any
 1086 other multicounty races. The county canvassing board or the
 1087 local board responsible for certifying the election is
 1088 responsible for ordering a system validation review under this
 1089 subsection ~~recounts~~ in all other races. A system validation
 1090 review ~~recount~~ need not be ordered with respect to the returns
 1091 for any office, however, if the candidate or candidates defeated
 1092 or eliminated from contention for such office by one-half of a
 1093 percent or less of the votes cast for such office request in
 1094 writing that a system validation review ~~recount~~ not be made.
 1095 (a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a
 1096 ~~recount~~ shall put each marksense ballot through automatic
 1097 tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly
 1098 reflect the votes cast. If any marksense ballot is physically
 1099 damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic
 1100 tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall
 1101 be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.
 1102 101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test

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1103 of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.
 1104 101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation
 1105 of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes
 1106 shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the
 1107 cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the
 1108 recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall
 1109 immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error
 1110 and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of
 1111 State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing
 1112 board shall file a separate incident report with the Department
 1113 of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying
 1114 any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.
 1115 If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not
 1116 part of the voting system and the ballots have already been
 1117 processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not
 1118 required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating
 1119 equipment again.

1120 (b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a
 1121 recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the
 1122 counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of
 1123 the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall
 1124 election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall
 1125 election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the
 1126 counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct
 1127 and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.

1128 (c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
 1129 formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial
 1130 returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,
 1131 state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns

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1132 shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any
 1133 primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after
 1134 any general election in which a recount was ordered by the
 1135 Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to
 1136 complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the
 1137 deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the
 1138 canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial
 1139 returns and the submission shall also include a detailed
 1140 explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.
 1141 However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount
 1142 prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount
 1143 prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in
 1144 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

1145 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules
 1146 prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified
 1147 voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.

1148 (e) The canvassing board may employ such clerical help to
 1149 assist with the work of the board as it deems necessary, with at
 1150 least one member of the board present at all times, until the
 1151 canvass of the returns is completed. The clerical help must
 1152 shall be paid from the same fund as inspectors and other
 1153 necessary election officials.

1154 (c) The canvassing board shall publish notice on the county
 1155 website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor of
 1156 elections' website, or once in one or more newspapers of general
 1157 circulation in the county of the system validation review,
 1158 including the date, time, and place of the review. Such review
 1159 is open to the public.

1160 (d) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in

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1161 formats provided by the division a vote validation for each
 1162 federal, statewide, state, or multicounty office or ballot
 1163 measure in accordance with paragraph (5)(b). If the canvassing
 1164 board is unable to complete the system validation review by the
 1165 deadline, the vote validation report submitted by the canvassing
 1166 board must be identical to the initial unofficial returns and
 1167 the submission must also include a detailed explanation of the
 1168 reason the board was unable to timely complete the system
 1169 validation review. However, the canvassing board shall complete
 1170 the system validation review prescribed in this subsection,
 1171 along with any system validation review prescribed, and certify
 1172 official election returns, in accordance with the requirements
 1173 of this chapter.

1174 (e) The department shall adopt detailed rules prescribing
 1175 additional system validation review procedures for each
 1176 certified voting system which must be uniform to the extent
 1177 practicable.

1178 (7)(g) Each member, substitute member, and alternate member
 1179 of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must wear
 1180 identification badges during any period in which the county
 1181 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other
 1182 official duties. The identification badges should be worn in a
 1183 conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of the
 1184 individual and his or her official position.

1185 (8)(a)-(10)(a) The supervisor shall file a report with the
 1186 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later
 1187 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission
 1188 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe
 1189 all of the following:

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1190 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct
 1191 level, at a counting location, or within computer and
 1192 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, or
 1193 issues encountered with any state-approved election system,
 1194 including, but not limited to, vote tabulation systems and
 1195 automated independent vote validation systems, and the steps
 1196 that were taken to address the malfunctions.
 1197 2. All election definition errors that were discovered
 1198 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken
 1199 to address the errors.
 1200 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing
 1201 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken
 1202 to address the errors or problems.
 1203 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by
 1204 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the
 1205 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during
 1206 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to
 1207 correct such issues.
 1208 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment were
 1209 insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.
 1210 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or
 1211 problems associated with the conduct of the election.
 1212 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional information
 1213 on any of the items required to be included in the report
 1214 pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the
 1215 supervisor must notify the division that new information has
 1216 been discovered no later than the next business day after the
 1217 discovery, and the supervisor must file an amended report signed
 1218 by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of the election

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1219 within 10 days after the discovery.

1220 (c) Such reports must be maintained on file in the Division
1221 of Elections and must be available for public inspection.

1222 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election
1223 reports to determine what problems may be likely to occur in
1224 other elections and disseminate such information, along with
1225 possible solutions and training, to the supervisors of
1226 elections.

1227 (e) For the general election, the department shall submit
1228 the analysis of these reports for the post-general general
1229 election report as part of the consolidated reports required
1230 under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor, the President of
1231 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
1232 February 15 of each year following a general election.

1233 (11) ~~The supervisor shall file with the department a copy~~
1234 ~~of or an export file from the results database of the county's~~
1235 ~~voting system and other statistical information as may be~~
1236 ~~required by the department, the Legislature, or the Election~~
1237 ~~Assistance Commission. The department shall adopt rules~~
1238 ~~establishing the required content and acceptable formats for the~~
1239 ~~filings and time for filings.~~

1240 Section 21. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended
1241 to read:

1242 102.166 Manual review ~~recounts~~ of overvotes and undervotes
1243 in contests.—

1244 (1) If the vote tabulation system indicates, and the
1245 automated independent vote validation process confirms, second
1246 set of unofficial returns pursuant to ss. 101.591 and 102.141,
1247 s. 102.141 indicates that a candidate for any office was

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1248 defeated or eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of
1249 the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention
1250 to a judicial office was retained or not retained by one-quarter
1251 of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question of
1252 retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was
1253 approved or rejected by one-quarter of a percent or less of the
1254 votes cast on such measure, a manual review ~~recount~~ of the
1255 overvotes and undervotes cast in the entire geographic
1256 jurisdiction of such office or ballot measure must ~~shall~~ be
1257 ordered and conducted in a manner consistent with s. 102.141
1258 unless:

1259 (a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated from
1260 contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the votes
1261 cast for such office request in writing that a manual review
1262 ~~recount~~ not be made; or

1263 (b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than
1264 the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the
1265 election.

1266 The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering such manual
1267 reviews in races that are a manual recount for federal or, state
1268 races that are multicounty, and any other multicounty races. The
1269 county canvassing board or local board responsible for
1270 certifying the election is responsible for ordering a manual
1271 review ~~recount~~ for all other races. A manual review ~~recount~~
1272 consists of a review by a designee of the canvassing board
1273 recount of paper marksense ballots or of digital images from an
1274 independent vote validation system, if applicable of those
1275 ballots by a person.

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1277 (2) Any hardware or software used to identify and sort
 1278 overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must
 1279 be certified by the Department of State. Any such hardware or
 1280 software must be capable of simultaneously identifying and
 1281 sorting overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while
 1282 simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes and undervotes must be
 1283 identified and sorted while conducting the vote validation
 1284 process recounting ballots pursuant to s. 102.141. Overvotes and
 1285 undervotes must may be identified and sorted physically or
 1286 digitally.

1287 (3) Any manual review ~~recount~~ shall be open to the
 1288 public. Each political party may designate one person with
expertise in the computer field who shall be allowed in the
central counting room when the manual review is being conducted
and when the official votes are being counted. The designee may
not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

1289 (4)(a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure shall be
 1290 counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the
 1291 voter has made a definite choice.

1292 (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for
 1293 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified
 1294 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication
 1295 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The
 1296 rules must shall be consistent, to the extent practicable, and
 1297 may not:

1298 1. Authorize the use of any electronic or electromechanical
 1299 reading device to review a hybrid voting system ballot that is
 1300 produced using a voter interface device and that contains both
 1301 machine-readable fields and machine-printed text of the contest

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1306 titles and voter selections, unless the printed text is
 1307 illegible;

1308 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark or
 1309 designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

1310 3. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify
 1311 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication
 1312 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1313 (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must
 1314 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

1315 1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a
 1316 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or
 1317 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to
 1318 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

1319 2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
 1320 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a
 1321 similar name.

1322 3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
 1323 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar
 1324 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as
 1325 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the
 1326 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle
 1327 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,
 1328 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation
 1329 of a political party.

1330 4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified
 1331 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which
 1332 the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the
 1333 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or
 1334 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

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1335 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a candidate
 1336 is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political party to
 1337 which the candidate does not belong, including those in which
 1338 the party designated has another candidate in the race or does
 1339 not have a candidate in the race.

1340 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,
 1341 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that
 1342 the same political party designation applies to all listed
 1343 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed
 1344 ballot measures.

1345 7. Situations in which an elector designates the name of a
 1346 qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

1347 8. Situations in which an elector designates an otherwise
 1348 correct office name that includes an incorrect district number.

1349 (5) Procedures for a manual review recount are as follows:

1350 (a) The county canvassing board shall appoint as many
 1351 counting teams of at least two electors as is necessary to
 1352 manually review recount the ballots. A counting team must have,
 1353 when possible, members of at least two political parties. A
 1354 candidate involved in the race may shall not be a member of the
 1355 counting team.

1356 (b) Each duplicate ballot prepared pursuant to s.
 1357 101.5614(4) must or s. 102.141(7) shall be compared with the
 1358 original ballot to ensure the correctness of the duplicate.

1359 (c) If a counting team is unable to determine whether the
 1360 ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made a
 1361 definite choice, the ballot must shall be presented to the
 1362 county canvassing board for a determination.

1363 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules

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1364 prescribing additional review recount procedures for each
 1365 certified voting system which must shall be uniform to the
 1366 extent practicable. At a minimum, the rules must shall address,
 1367 at a minimum, the following areas:

1368 1. Security of ballots during the manual review recount
 1369 process;

1370 2. Time and place of manual reviews recounts;

1371 3. Public observance of manual reviews recounts;

1372 4. Objections to ballot determinations;

1373 5. Record of manual review recount proceedings;

1374 6. Procedures relating to candidate and petitioner
 1375 representatives; and

1376 7. Procedures relating to the certification and the use of
 1377 automatic tabulating equipment that is not part of a voting
 1378 system.

1379 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county canvassing
 1380 board or local board involved in the manual review recount from
 1381 comparing a digital image of a ballot to the corresponding
 1382 physical paper ballot during a manual review recount.

1383 Section 22. Section 104.51, Florida Statutes, is created to
 1384 read:

1385 104.51 Time limitation; election fraud.—A prosecution for a
 1386 felony violation under the Florida Election Code must be
 1387 commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is
 1388 committed.

1389 Section 23. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created
 1390 to read:

1391 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver
 1392 licenses and identification cards.—

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1393 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida
1394 identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a
1395 United States citizen as last recorded in the system must
1396 include his or her legal citizenship status at the time of new
1397 issuance, renewal, or replacement.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law, the department must, at no charge, issue a renewal or replacement driver license or identification card if a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status upon becoming a citizen of the United States as required in s. 322.19.

1403 Section 24. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
1404 made by this act to section 98.075, Florida Statutes, in a
1405 reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 98.065, Florida
1406 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1407 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.-

1408 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual
1409 review of voter registration records to identify registration
1410 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may
1411 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those
1412 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has
1413 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the
1414 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant
1415 to s. 98.075(6) and (7).

1416 Section 25. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.



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Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Don Gaetz, Chair
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: January 19, 2026

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #1334**, relating to Elections, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin K. Grall".

Senator Erin Grall
Florida Senate, District 29

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I am not a lobbyist, but received
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ACLU of Florida

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Information

OR

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In Support

Against

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FL 33172

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I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

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I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by: Equal Ground

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State

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OR

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Equal Ground Action Fund

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City

State

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Committee

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State

Zip

Speaking: For Against Information

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Waive Speaking: In Support Against

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Speaking: For Against Information

OR

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State

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Tallahassee
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FL
State

32308
Zip

Speaking: For Against Information

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OR

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OR

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City

State

Zip

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OR

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OR

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Bill Number or Topic

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State

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OR

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Bill Number or Topic

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City

State

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OR

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Name

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State

32034

Zip

Speaking: For Against Information

OR

Waive Speaking: In Support Against

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34956

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OR Waive Speaking: In Support Against

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Everett Taylor

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Email

City

State

FL 32940

Zip

Speaking: For

Against

Information

OR

Waive Speaking: In Support

Against

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Fl. Pierce, FL

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City

State

Speaking: For



Against

Information

OR

Waive Speaking: In Support



Against

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Shirley Wimberly

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Speaking: For Against Information

OR

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Name Avanese Taylor

Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____
Street _____

City _____

State _____

32940
Zip _____

Speaking: For Against Information

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Waive Speaking: In Support Against



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Name

Veronica C. Jenkins

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SB 1334

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City

State

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Speaking: For Against Information

OR

Waive Speaking: In Support Against

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1334

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

239-253-8952

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OR Waive Speaking: In Support Against

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Committee

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Cecile Scoon

Address

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Street

Panama City FL

City

State

32401

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Speaking: For Against Information

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Senate Bill 1334

Bill Number or Topic

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City

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32967

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City State

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3061 Sunset Landing Dr.
Jacksonville, FL

Street

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City

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32218

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Email

Jurhubb@yahoo.com

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33189

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Meeting Date

Ethics + Election

Committee

Name

April Hall-Lloyd

Address

36 Jackson Rd

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Atlantic Beach, Fl

City

State

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SB 1334

Bill Number or Topic

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

(984) 955-7820

Phone

Email

Contact April.Lloyd@gmail.com

32233

Zip

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Meeting Date

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Committee

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Daytona Beach, FL 32114

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

401-222-5090

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Email Rev.DMrtri.Burke@gmail.com

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Meeting Date

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Committee

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Phone 321-746-3933

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Panama City FL 32401

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SB 1334

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

850-630-1113

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SB 1332

Bill Number or Topic

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Name

Address

Street

City

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850-638-6473

None

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City

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SB 1334

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

407-5929224

Phone

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Port Orange, FL 32129

City

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SB 1334

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Senate Ethics & Elections
Committee

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Tampa

FL

33626

City

State

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Bill

Bill Number or Topic

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Phone 708-323-9290

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Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Monreal, Ismare
Term: 09/11/2025 – 05/31/2029
City/County: Miami-Dade/Miami-Dade
Office: Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College, Member
Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/1/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Chief of Staff for the City of Hialeah

Attendance: Attended 43 of 43 meetings (100%) from April 28, 2022 through January 5, 2026.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and comprised of:

Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements: Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Miami Dade College serves Miami-Dade County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 19 - Mrs. Monreal is currently the Chief of Staff for the City of Hialeah since 2021. Mrs. Monreal was a legislative analyst in the Florida House of Representatives 1996-2000.

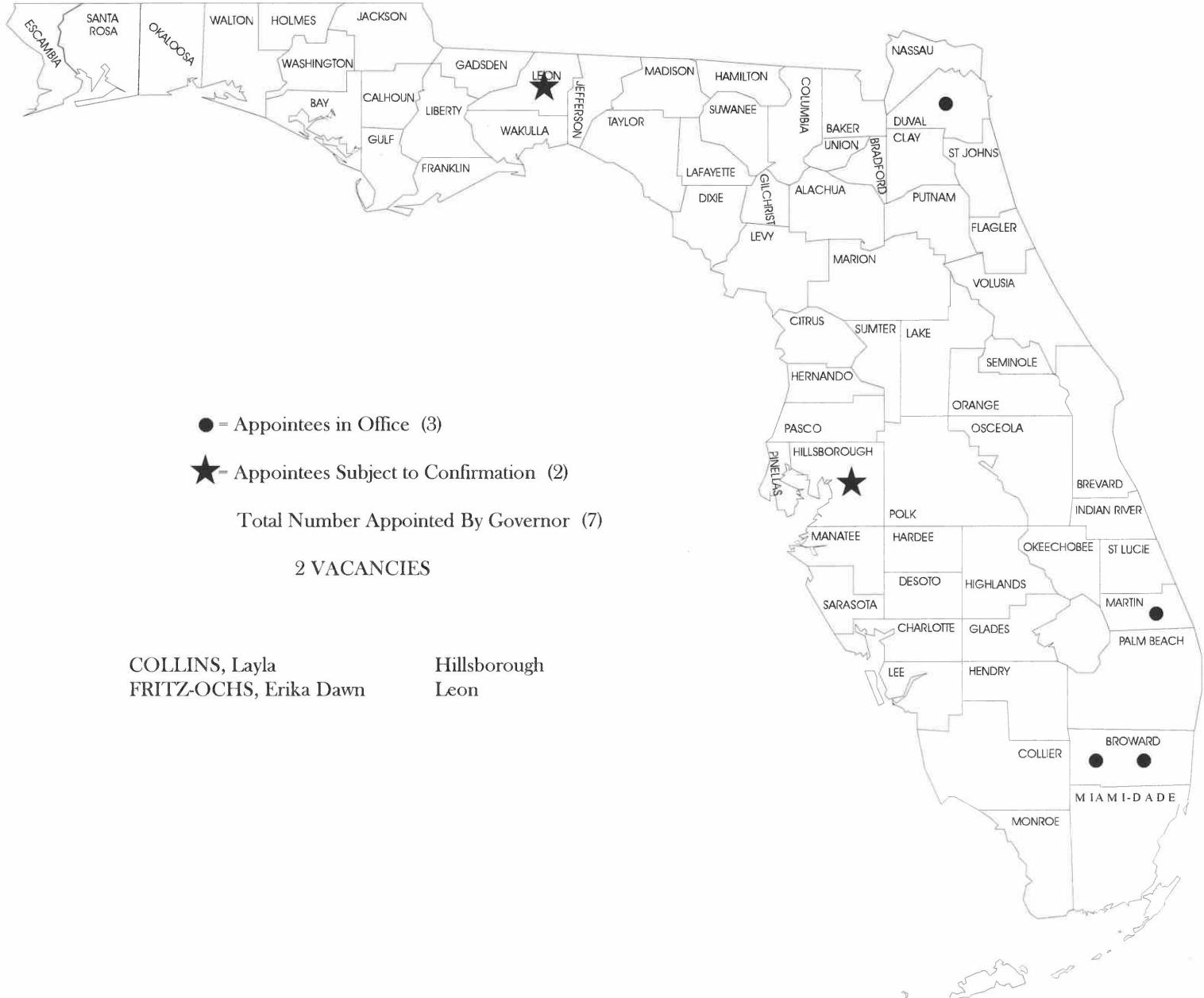
Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

State Board of Education



COLLINS, Layla
FRITZ-OCHS, Erika Dawn

Hillsborough
Leon

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Collins, Layla
 Term: 09/01/2025 – 12/31/2028
 City/County: Odessa/Hillsborough
 Office: State Board of Education, Member
 Authority: 1001.01(1), F.S.
 Reference(s): Committee on Education Pre-K - 12-Recommend Confirm-01/27/2026
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 11/4/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Retired

Compensation: Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel and per diem expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: The Florida Board of Education consists of seven members who are residents of the state. Members are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board shall be appointed to staggered 4-year terms and may be reappointed by the Governor for additional terms not to exceed 8 years of consecutive service.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 6 - Mrs. Collins served in the US Army 1994-2014.
Education Verified

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MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Filburn, Mark C. Appointed: 12/12/2025
Term: 01/07/2026 – 01/06/2031 Prior Term: 12/19/2024 - 01/06/2026
City/County: Winter Park/Orange
Office: Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 8/6/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation:

Attendance: Attended 8 of 8 meetings (100%) from December 19, 2024 through January 5, 2026.

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Notes: Number 6 - Mr. Filburn served in the US Army 1982-1983.

Number 8 - Board of Governors' Appointment

Number 10 - Report No. 2026-018

Number 18 - Mr. Filburn has served on this board since 2025.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Florez, Alan
Term: 01/07/2026 – 01/06/2031
Appointed: 12/12/2025
City/County: Ormond Beach/Volusia
Prior Term:
Office: Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/27/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
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Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Notes: Number 8 - Board of Governors' Appointment

Number 9 - FDLE reported Mr. Florez was charged with D.U.I. in Ormond Beach, FL on 9/2/2005, and he was found guilty of reckless driving. In addition, Mr. Florez was charged with a D.U.I. in Orange County, FL on 11/5/2009, a misdemeanor, and his driver's license was suspended for six months. The charge was dropped and Mr. Florez's driver's license was reinstated 1/22/2010. Mr. Florez disclosed these violations in his questionnaire.

Number 15 - Mr. Florez's employer, Foundation Risk Partners has various contracts with municipalities and school districts for insurance brokerage.

Number 18 - Mr. Florez served on this board 2006-2009 and 2011-2016.

Number 19 - Mr. Florez was employed by the Executive Office of the Governor from 2001-2005 and was the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs and Special Assistant to the Governor.

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Plana, Nestor
Term: 01/07/2026 – 01/06/2031
Appointed: 11/06/2025
City/County: Miami-Dade/Miami-Dade
Prior Term:
Office: Board of Trustees, Florida International University, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed		X	Not Filed
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)	X		
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended	X		
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		
16. Contracts with Pending Office	X		
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist	X		

Occupation: CEO of Independent Living Systems, LLC

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Notes: Number 8 - Board of Governors' Appointment

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Moore, Clarence S. Appointed: 12/12/2025
Term: 01/07/2026 – 01/06/2031 Prior Term: 07/08/2022 - 01/06/2026
City/County: St. Johns/St. Johns
Office: Board of Trustees, University of North Florida, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 8/26/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: President of The Vestcor Companies

Attendance: Attended 52 of 57 meetings (91%) from July 8, 2022 through January 5, 2026.

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Notes: Number 8 - Governor's Appointment

Number 9 - Mr. Moore disclosed that in 2019 he received a fine for a violation of the FWC administrative rules.

Number 15 - Mr. Moore disclosed that his employer Vestcor has contractual relationships with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, various local municipalities and the Florida Polytechnic University.

Number 17 - Mr. Moore serving on the Duval County Research and Development Authority, since 2021.

Number 18 - Mr. Moore has served on this board since 2022.

Number 19 - Mr. Moore worked as a Graduate Assistant for the University of North Florida 1997-1999 and then an Assistant Dean 2001-2003.

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MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Piccolo, Fredrick
Term: 12/12/2025 – 01/06/2030
Appointed: 12/12/2025
City/County: Sarasota/Sarasota
Prior Term:
Office: Board of Trustees, University of South Florida, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/2/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/15/26
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation:

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

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There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Beginning July 2, 2020, for purposes of this subsection, regional representation shall include the chair of a campus board established pursuant to s. 1004.341, F.S.

A member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida who resides in Pinellas County shall jointly serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair of the campus board.

- A member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida who resides in Manatee County or Sarasota County shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida to serve jointly as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair of the campus board.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

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Notes: Number 6 - Mr. Piccolo served in the U.S. Army 1972-1974.

Number 8 - Board of Governors' Appointment

Number 18 - Mr. Piccolo served on this board 2021-2026 as a Governor's Appointment.

Number 19 - Mr. Piccolo was the President/Chief Executive Officer of Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority, 1995-2025.. Mr. Piccolo was the Assistant Airport Director for Pinellas County Government from 1986-1995. Mr. Piccolo was the Assistant Director of Operations at Hillsborough County Aviation Authority from 1984-1987.

Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway Appointed: 12/12/2025
Term: 01/07/2026 – 01/06/2031 Prior Term:
City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough
Office: Board of Trustees, University of South Florida, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Appropriations Committee on Higher Education-Recommend Confirm-01/28/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/10/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant/Robert Watkins & Co., PA

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

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- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
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In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

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Beginning July 2, 2020, for purposes of this subsection, regional representation shall include the chair of a campus board established pursuant to s. 1004.341, F.S.

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- A member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida who resides in Manatee County or Sarasota County shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida to serve jointly as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chair of the campus board.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Notes: Number 8 - Board of Governor's Appointment

Number 17 - Ms. Watkins has served on this board since 2013. Ms. Watkins is serving on the Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees, since 1999. Ms. Watkins is serving on the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, since 2023.

Education Verified

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Asztalos, Robert P. Appointed: 08/05/2025
Term: 08/05/2025 – Pleasure of Governor Prior Term:
City/County: Tallahassee/Leon
Office: Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Statewide Director
Authority: 20.197, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs-Recommend Confirm-01/27/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed		X	Not Filed
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 10/14/25
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist			

Occupation: Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Compensation: \$182,350.22 per year as of January 29, 2026.

Requirements: The Director shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: The Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 6 - Mr. Asztalos served in the US Navy 1977-2006.

Number 17 - Mr. Asztalos serves on the Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long Term Care, since 2024.

Number 19 - Mr. Asztalos worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs, 2021-2025
Education Verified

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MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Chiea, Renee
Term: 01/06/2025 – 07/17/2028
City/County: Dunedin/Pinellas
Office: Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Member
Authority: 03-320, L.O.F.
Reference(s): Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs-Recommend Confirm-01/27/2026
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/30/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 9/18/25
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Compliance Director at Elevance Health, Inc.

Compensation:

Requirements: The eleven-member board consists of:

- The county superintendent of public instruction;
- One judge in the juvenile division of the circuit court;
- The state attorney;
- The public defender;
- One appointed member of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and
- Six members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Terms for the six members appointed by the Governor shall be for four years. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes:

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Gnage, Kristen Arrojo
 Term: 05/06/2025 – 08/07/2028
 City/County: Pinellas Park/Pinellas
 Office: Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Member
 Authority: 03-320, L.O.F.
 Reference(s): Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs-Recommend Confirm-01/27/2026
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/27/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 9/18/25
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Assistant State Attorney at the 6th Circuit Office of the State Attorney

Compensation:

Requirements: The eleven-member board consists of:

- The county superintendent of public instruction;
- One judge in the juvenile division of the circuit court;
- The state attorney;
- The public defender;
- One appointed member of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and
- Six members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Terms for the six members appointed by the Governor shall be for four years. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 18 - Ms. Gnage has served on this board since 7/2023.

Number 19 - Ms. Gnage is an Assistant State Attorney in the 6th Circuit Office of the State Attorney, since 2012. Ms. Gnage was a Law Clerk in the Office of the Attorney General 2009-2012.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: McShea, Alicia S. Appointed: 05/06/2025
 Term: 01/06/2025 – 08/11/2026 Prior Term:
 City/County: St. Petersburg/Pinellas
 Office: Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Member
 Authority: 03-320, L.O.F.
 Reference(s): Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs-Recommend Confirm-01/27/2026
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)		X	
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/2/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 9/18/25
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Client Relations Manager 1 at Franklin Templeton Investments

Compensation:

Requirements: The eleven-member board consists of:

- The county superintendent of public instruction;
- One judge in the juvenile division of the circuit court;
- The state attorney;
- The public defender;
- One appointed member of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and
- Six members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Terms for the six members appointed by the Governor shall be for four years. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes:

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Millican, James A. Appointed: 05/06/2025
 Term: 05/06/2025 – 08/11/2028 Prior Term: 07/21/2023 - 08/11/2024
 City/County: St. Petersburg/Pinellas
 Office: Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Member
 Authority: 03-320, L.O.F.
 Reference(s): Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs-Recommend Confirm-01/27/2026
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/10/25
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 9/18/25
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: District Chief of Lealman Fire District

Attendance: Attended 22 of 31 meetings (71%) from July 21, 2023 through August 12, 2025.

Compensation:

Requirements: The eleven-member board consists of:

- The county superintendent of public instruction;
- One judge in the juvenile division of the circuit court;
- The state attorney;
- The public defender;
- One appointed member of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and
- Six members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Terms for the six members appointed by the Governor shall be for four years. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 18 - Mr. Millican has served on this board since 2017.
Number 19 - District Chief of Lealman Fire District.

The Florida Senate

2/4/26

Meeting Date

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APPEARANCE RECORD

Deliver both copies of this form to
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Name Tyler Sundance

Phone 850-228-4800

Address _____ Email _____
Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Speaking: For Against Information

OR

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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am appearing without
compensation or sponsorship.

I am a registered lobbyist,
representing:

Florida ARF

I am not a lobbyist, but received
something of value for my appearance
(travel, meals, lodging, etc.),
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While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022JointRules.pdf](#) (flsenate.gov)

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

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Meeting Date
Ethics and Elections

Committee

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PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a registered lobbyist, representing: Florida Health Care Association	<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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Confirmation of Nestor Plana

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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The Florida Senate
Committee Notice Of Hearing

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Robert P. Asztalos
Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Robert P. Asztalos

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Committee on Ethics and Elections of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in the Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building, commencing at 10:30 a.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 30th day of January, 2026

Committee on Ethics and Elections

Senator Don Gaetz
As Chair and by authority of the committee

Senator Don Gaetz
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cc: Members, Committee on Ethics and Elections
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

**Please raise your right hand and be
sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence
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whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

WITNESS'S NAME: Robert P. Asztalos

ANSWER: "I do."

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Ethics and Elections

DATE: February 4, 2026

4/4/26

Meeting Date

Ethics & Elections

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Name

Bob Asztalos

Address

4030 esplanade Way

Street

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32399

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Speaking: For Against Information

OR

Waive Speaking: In Support Against

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<input type="checkbox"/> I am appearing without compensation or sponsorship.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a registered lobbyist, representing: Florida Health Care Association	<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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Confirmation of Robert Asztalos

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Bill Number or Topic Confrontation

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Email

City

State

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Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Renee Chiea
Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County

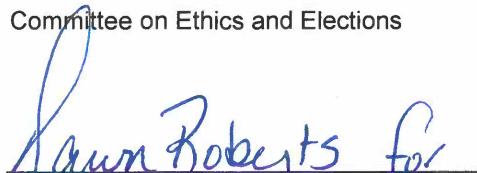
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Ms. Renee Chiea

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Committee on Ethics and Elections of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in the Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building, commencing at 10:30 a.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 30th day of January, 2026

Committee on Ethics and Elections



Senator Don Gaetz

As Chair and authority of the committee

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**The Florida Senate
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IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Kristen Arrojo Gnage
Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County

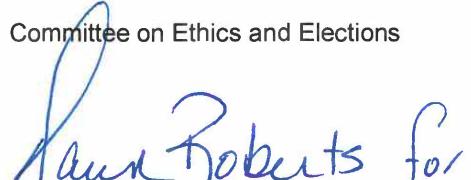
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TO: Ms. Kristen Arrojo Gnage

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CHAIR:

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WITNESS'S NAME: Alicia S. McShea

ANSWER: "I do."
Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall
be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Ethics and Elections

DATE: February 4, 2026

**The Florida Senate
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IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Alicia S. McShea
Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County

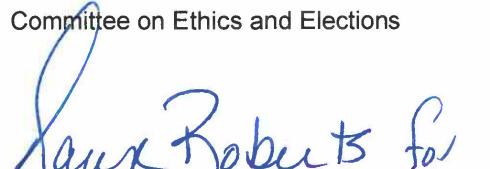
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TO: Ms. Alicia S. McShea

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of

James A. Millican

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County

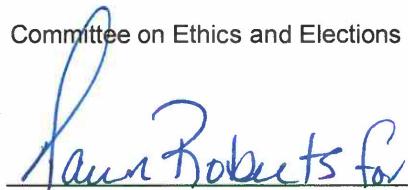
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TO: Mr. James A. Millican

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WITNESS'S NAME: James A. Millican

ANSWER: "I do."

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COMMITTEE NAME: Ethics and Elections

DATE: February 4, 2026

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 37

Case No.:

Type:

Caption: Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Judge:

Started: 2/4/2026 10:30:52 AM

Ends: 2/4/2026 12:24:22 PM

Length: 01:53:30

10:31:03 AM Chair Gaetz calls the meeting to order
10:31:05 AM Roll call
10:31:30 AM Chair Gaetz makes opening remarks
10:32:08 AM Tab 3: SB 1880 by Senator Arrington; Community Development Districts
10:32:21 AM Senator Arrington explains the bill
10:33:50 AM Senator Arrington makes closing remarks and waives close on the bill
10:33:55 AM Roll call
10:34:30 AM Tab 1; SB 460 by Senator Poslky; Special Elections
10:34:36 AM Senator Polsky explains the bill
10:37:10 AM Questions:
10:37:13 AM Chair Gaetz
10:37:34 AM Senator Polsky
10:40:09 AM Chair Gaetz
10:40:55 AM Senator Polsky
10:41:25 AM Public testimony
10:42:05 AM Debate:
10:42:14 AM Senator Bernard
10:42:53 AM Senator Bradley
10:44:13 AM Senator Polsky closing remarks and waives close on the bill
10:44:41 AM Roll call
10:45:14 AM Tab 2: SB 748 by Senator Brady Davis; Notice of Restoration of Voting Rights Information on Sentencing Scoresheets
10:45:23 AM Senator Brady Davis explains the bill
10:47:28 AM Public testimony
10:47:48 AM Debate:
10:47:51 AM Senator Rouson
10:48:58 AM Senator Brady Davis closing remarks and waives close on the bill
10:49:00 AM Roll call
10:50:02 AM Tabs 5-12; confirmation hearings for appointments
10:50:28 AM Chair Gaetz recognizes public testimony
10:50:31 AM Speaking:
10:50:55 AM James A. Millican, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
10:52:24 AM Chair Gaetz calls for an individual vote for Mr. Millican's appointment
10:52:39 AM Senator Polsky motions for vote on appointee
10:52:43 AM Roll call
10:54:06 AM Appointee Alicia McShea, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
10:56:01 AM Questions:
10:56:05 AM Senator Rouson
10:56:41 AM Senator Avila motions for vote on appointee
10:56:43 AM Roll call
10:57:59 AM Robert Asztalos, Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
11:01:19 AM Questions:
11:01:24 AM Chair Gaetz
11:02:55 AM Public testimony
11:03:53 AM Senator Bernard moves for an individual vote for Mr. Asztalos' nomination
11:03:57 AM Roll call
11:04:56 AM Chair Gaetz recognizes public testimony
11:05:28 AM Senator Bernard moves for all of the remaining nominees to be voted on at once
11:05:30 AM Roll call
11:06:04 AM Tab 4; SB 1334 by Senator Grall; Elections
11:06:32 AM Amendment #747052
11:06:38 AM Senator Grall explains the amendment

11:07:55 AM Amendment to amendment #221160
11:08:03 AM Senator Garcia explains the amendment to the amendment
11:08:48 AM Public testimony
11:09:19 AM Senator Garcia makes closing remarks and waives close on the amendment
11:09:21 AM Roll call
11:09:52 AM Back on the amendment as amended
11:09:55 AM Questions:
11:09:59 AM Senator Bernard
11:10:34 AM Senator Grall
11:11:05 AM Senator Bernard
11:12:17 AM Senator Grall
11:12:35 AM Senator Bernard
11:12:39 AM Senator Grall
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11:41:31 AM Public testimony
11:41:33 AM Speaking:
11:41:41 AM Amy Keith
11:42:50 AM Jonathan Webber
11:43:56 AM Broad Ashwell
11:45:27 AM Jessica Lowe-Minor
11:46:12 AM Rebecca Parsons
11:47:09 AM William Muehlenbein
11:47:57 AM Teresa Pagan
11:48:55 AM Letitia Harmon

11:50:15 AM Deborah Morningstar
11:50:27 AM Lois Vanlant
11:51:07 AM Cecilia Harrera
11:52:29 AM Abdelilah Skhir
11:53:28 AM Mark Stevens
11:54:30 AM Karen Jarocho
11:55:37 AM Kristy Rosen
11:58:41 AM Rev. Floyd L. Narcisse
11:59:10 AM Annita McKnight
11:59:40 AM Cynthia Slater
12:01:01 PM Larry Hannan
12:01:41 PM Cecile Scoon
12:02:25 PM Donald Hart
12:02:49 PM Scottie Milton
12:03:09 PM Ella Warren
12:03:33 PM Jurdarion Holobard
12:04:25 PM Deverine Christopher
12:05:07 PM April Hall-loyd
12:05:42 PM Rev. D'Mrtri Burke
12:06:30 PM Leia Perez
12:07:07 PM Rev. Wood
12:07:58 PM Taylor Ashley
12:08:38 PM Debbie Parker
12:12:37 PM Genesis Robinson
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