

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elections; amending s.
3 101.62, F.S.; providing for direct mailing of
4 absentee ballots; prohibiting mailing of more
5 than two absentee ballots to the same address;
6 providing exceptions; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
12 101.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 101.62 Request for absentee ballots.--
14 (4)

15 (b)1. As soon as the remainder of the absentee ballots
16 are printed, the supervisor shall deliver or mail an absentee
17 ballot to each elector by whom a request for that ballot has
18 been made. Any elector may designate in writing a person to
19 pick up the ballot for the elector; however, the person
20 designated may not pick up more than two absentee ballots per
21 election, other than the designee's own ballot, except that
22 additional ballots may be picked up for members of the
23 designee's immediate family. For purposes of this section,
24 "immediate family" means the designee's spouse or the parent,
25 child, grandparent, or sibling of the designee or of the
26 designee's spouse. The designee shall provide to the
27 supervisor the written authorization by the elector and a
28 picture identification of the designee and must complete an
29 affidavit. The designee shall state in the affidavit that the
30 designee is authorized by the elector to pick up that ballot
31 and shall indicate if the elector is a member of the

1 designee's immediate family and, if so, the relationship. The
2 department shall prescribe the form of the affidavit. If the
3 supervisor is satisfied that the designee is authorized to
4 pick up the ballot and that the signature of the elector on
5 the written authorization matches the signature of the elector
6 on file, the supervisor shall give the ballot to that designee
7 for delivery to the elector.

8 2. Unless otherwise provided in this section, an
9 absentee ballot must be mailed directly to the elector at the
10 address shown on the registration books or to an address
11 outside of the county, as designated by the elector, or to a
12 temporary address located within the county, as designated by
13 the elector, brought about by reason of hurricane, tornado,
14 flood, natural disaster, or other act of God, war, invasion,
15 insurrection, riot, or other bona fide emergency, medical
16 treatment, incarceration in a local government correctional
17 facility, or other reason beyond the control of the elector.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1 of the
19 year after the year in which enacted.
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