

By the Committee on Election Reform and Representatives
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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to voter registration;
 3 repealing s. 97.056, F.S., relating to
 4 in-person voting requirements for certain
 5 persons who register by mail; amending s.
 6 97.071, F.S.; deleting procedures for mailing
 7 voter registration identification cards;
 8 amending s. 97.1031, F.S.; revising cross
 9 references, to conform; providing an effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 97.056, Florida Statutes, is
 15 repealed.

16 Section 2. Section 97.071, Florida Statutes, is
 17 amended to read:

18 97.071 Registration identification card.--

19 (1) A registration identification card must be
 20 furnished to all voters registering under the permanent single
 21 registration system and must contain:

- 22 (a) Voter's registration number.
- 23 (b) Date of registration.
- 24 (c) Full name.
- 25 (d) Party affiliation.
- 26 (e) Date of birth.
- 27 (f) Race or ethnicity, if provided by the applicant.
- 28 (g) Sex, if provided by the applicant.
- 29 (h) Address of legal residence.
- 30 (i) Precinct number.
- 31 (j) Signature of supervisor.

1 (k) Place for voter's signature.

2 (1) Other information deemed necessary by the
3 department.

4 ~~(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the~~
5 ~~supervisor of elections shall mail a registration~~
6 ~~identification card to the voter at the address listed as the~~
7 ~~legal residence on the voter's registration application. The~~
8 ~~card must be sent by nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable~~
9 ~~mail. If the identification card is returned as undeliverable~~
10 ~~and the voter has indicated a different mailing address on the~~
11 ~~registration application, the supervisor must mail a notice to~~
12 ~~the mailing address, notifying the voter that his or her~~
13 ~~registration identification card was returned and that the~~
14 ~~voter may appear in person at the supervisor's office to pick~~
15 ~~up the identification card. The supervisor must surrender the~~
16 ~~identification card to the elector upon presentation of a~~
17 ~~Florida driver's license, a Florida identification card issued~~
18 ~~under s. 322.051, or another form of picture identification~~
19 ~~approved by the Department of State. If the elector fails to~~
20 ~~furnish the required identification, or if the supervisor has~~
21 ~~doubts as to the identity of the elector, the supervisor must~~
22 ~~require the elector to swear an oath substantially similar to~~
23 ~~the one prescribed in s. 101.49 prior to surrendering the~~
24 ~~identification card. The supervisor must keep the~~
25 ~~identification card on file for 45 days following return of~~
26 ~~the card as undeliverable.~~

27 ~~(b) The supervisor shall mail the voter identification~~
28 ~~card by forwardable mail to voters who are covered by the~~
29 ~~Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.~~

30 (2)(3) A voter may receive a replacement of a
31 registration identification card by providing a signed,

1 written request for a replacement card to the supervisor. Upon
2 verification of registration, the supervisor shall issue the
3 voter a duplicate card without charge.

4 (3)~~(4)~~ In the case of a change of name, address, or
5 party affiliation, the supervisor must issue the voter a new
6 registration identification card. However, a registration
7 identification card indicating a party affiliation change made
8 between the book-closing date for the first primary election
9 and the date of the second primary election may not be issued
10 until after the second primary election.

11 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 97.1031,
12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 97.1031 Notice of change of residence within the same
14 county, change of name, or change of party.--

15 (3) When an elector seeks to change party affiliation,
16 the elector must provide a signed, written notification of
17 such intent to the supervisor and obtain a registration
18 identification card reflecting the new party affiliation,
19 subject to the issuance restriction in s. 97.071~~(3)~~(4).

20 (4) The supervisor shall make the necessary changes in
21 the elector's records as soon as practical upon receipt of
22 such notice of a change of address of legal residence, name,
23 or party affiliation and shall issue the new registration
24 identification card as required by s. 97.071~~(3)~~(4).

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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28 HOUSE SUMMARY

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30 Repeals in-person voting requirements for persons who
31 have registered by mail but haven't previously voted in
the county in which registered. Deletes procedures for
mailing voter registration identification cards.