

By Senator Meek

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to elections; amending s.  
3           97.055, F.S.; prescribing times when voter  
4           registration books must be open; providing an  
5           effective date.

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

9           Section 1. Section 97.055, Florida Statutes, is  
10          amended to read:

11           97.055 Registration books; ~~when closed for an~~  
12          ~~election.--~~

13           (1) The registration books shall remain open during  
14          the same time as the office of the supervisor of elections.  
15          The registration books must remain open on election day during  
16          the time the polls are open at the voting places prescribed in  
17          s. 100.011.~~must be closed on the 29th day before each~~  
18          ~~election and must remain closed until after that election. If~~  
19          ~~an election is called and there are fewer than 29 days before~~  
20          ~~that election, the registration books must be closed~~  
21          ~~immediately. When the registration books are closed for an~~  
22          ~~election, voter registration and party changes must be~~  
23          ~~accepted but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.~~  
24          ~~However, party changes received between the book-closing date~~  
25          ~~of the first primary election and the date of the second~~  
26          ~~primary election are not effective until after the second~~  
27          ~~primary election.~~

28           (2) ~~In computing the 29-day period for the closing of~~  
29          ~~the registration books, the day of the election is excluded~~  
30          ~~and all other days are included. If the 29th day preceding an~~  
31          ~~election falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the~~

1 ~~registration books must be closed on the next day that is not~~  
2 ~~a Sunday or a legal holiday.~~

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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6 SENATE SUMMARY

7 Requires voter registration books to be open on election  
8 day during the time the election polls are open and at  
9 other times during the regular office hours of the  
supervisor of elections.

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