

By Representative Brutus

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to requests for absentee
 3 ballots; creating s. 104.046, F.S.; prohibiting
 4 the removal of any request for an absentee
 5 ballot from the main or any branch office of
 6 the supervisor of elections after submission to
 7 the supervisor; prohibiting any person other
 8 than the absent elector, a member of the
 9 elector's immediate family, or the elector's
 10 legal guardian from making any corrections or
 11 additions to a request for an absentee ballot
 12 after submission to the supervisor; providing
 13 penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Section 104.046, Florida Statutes, is
 18 created to read:

19 104.046 Requests for absentee ballots; violations.--

20 (1) It is unlawful for any person, including an absent
 21 elector, to remove a request for an absentee ballot from the
 22 main or any branch office of the supervisor of elections for
 23 any reason, including the correction or addition of any
 24 information, after it has been submitted to the supervisor.

25 (2) It is unlawful for any person other than the
 26 absent elector, a member of the elector's immediate family as
 27 defined and authorized in s. 101.62, or the elector's legal
 28 guardian as authorized in s. 101.62 to make any corrections or
 29 additions to a request for an absentee ballot after it has
 30 been submitted to the supervisor of elections.

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1 (3) A person who violates any provision of this
2 section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as
3 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

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9 Provides that it is a felony of the third degree for any
10 person, including any absent elector, to remove a request
11 for an absentee ballot from the main or any branch office
12 of the supervisor of elections for any reason, including
13 the correction or addition of any information, after it
14 has been submitted to the supervisor; and for any person
15 other than the absent elector, a member of the elector's
16 immediate family, or the elector's legal guardian to make
17 any corrections or additions to any request for an
18 absentee ballot after it has been submitted to the
19 supervisor.
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