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Representative(s) Goodlette offered the following:

**Substitute Amendment for Amendment (571173) (with title amendment)**

On page 61, between lines 6 and 7

and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 51. Section 98.255, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See s. 98.255, F.S., for present text.)  
98.255 Voter-education programs.--

(1) By March 1, 2002, the Department of State shall adopt rules prescribing minimum standards for nonpartisan voter education. In developing the rules, the department shall review current voter-education programs within each county of the state. The standards shall address, but are not limited to, the following subjects:

- (a) Voter registration;
- (b) Balloting procedures, absentee and polling place;
- (c) Voter rights and responsibilities;

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1           (d) Distribution of sample ballots; and  
2           (e) Public service announcements.  
3           (2) Each supervisor of elections shall implement the  
4 minimum voter-education standards and shall conduct additional  
5 nonpartisan education efforts as necessary to ensure that  
6 voters have a working knowledge of the voting process.  
7           (3)(a) By December 15 of each general election year,  
8 each supervisor of elections shall report to the Department of  
9 State a detailed description of the voter-education programs  
10 implemented and any other information that may be useful in  
11 evaluating the effectiveness of voter-education efforts.  
12           (b) The Department of State, upon receipt of such  
13 information, shall prepare a public report on the  
14 effectiveness of voter-education programs and shall submit the  
15 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 31 of each  
17 year following a general election.  
18           (c) The Department of State shall reexamine the rules  
19 adopted pursuant to subsection (1) and consider the findings  
20 in the report as a basis for adopting modified rules that  
21 incorporate successful voter-education programs and  
22 techniques, as necessary.  
23           Section 52. Section 102.014, Florida Statutes, is  
24 created to read:  
25           102.014 Pollworker recruitment and training.--  
26           (1) The supervisor of elections shall conduct training  
27 for inspectors, clerks, and deputy sheriffs prior to each  
28 primary, general, and special election for the purpose of  
29 instructing such persons in their duties and responsibilities  
30 as election officials. A certificate may be issued by the  
31 supervisor of elections to each person completing such

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1 training. No person shall serve as an inspector, clerk, or  
2 deputy sheriff for an election unless such person has  
3 completed the training as required. A clerk may not work at  
4 the polls unless he or she demonstrates a working knowledge of  
5 the laws and procedures relating to voter registration, voting  
6 system operation, balloting and polling place procedures, and  
7 problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills.

8 (2) A person who has attended previous training  
9 conducted within 2 years before the election may be appointed  
10 by the supervisor to fill a vacancy on election day. If no  
11 person with prior training is available to fill such vacancy,  
12 the supervisor of elections may fill such vacancy in  
13 accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) from among  
14 persons who have not received the training required by this  
15 section.

16 (3) In the case of absence or refusal to act on the  
17 part of any inspector or clerk at any precinct on the day of  
18 an election, the supervisor shall appoint a replacement who  
19 meets the qualifications prescribed in section 102.012(2).  
20 The inspector or clerk so appointed shall be a member of the  
21 same political party as the clerk or inspector whom he or she  
22 replaces.

23 (4) Each supervisor of elections shall be responsible  
24 for training inspectors and clerks, subject to the following  
25 minimum requirements:

26 (a) Each clerk shall receive four hours of training  
27 biannually when not in a general election year, and two hours  
28 of training quarterly in each general election year;

29 (b) Each inspector shall receive at least two hours of  
30 training biannually when not in a general election year, and  
31 one hour of training quarterly in each general election year.

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1           (c) No clerk shall be entitled to work at the polls  
2 unless he or she has had a minimum of six hours of training.

3           (d) No inspector shall work at the polls unless he or  
4 she has had a minimum of three hours of training.

5           (5) The Department of State shall create a uniform  
6 polling place procedures manual and adopt the manual by rule.  
7 Each supervisor of elections shall insure that the manual is  
8 available in hard copy or electronic form in every precinct in  
9 the supervisor's jurisdiction on election day. The manual  
10 shall guide inspectors, clerks, and deputy sheriffs in the  
11 proper implementation of election procedures and laws. The  
12 manual shall be indexed by subject, and written in plain,  
13 clear, unambiguous language. The manual shall provide  
14 specific examples of common problems encountered at the polls  
15 on election day, and detail specific procedures for resolving  
16 those problems. The manual shall include, without limitation:

17           (a) Regulations governing solicitation by individuals  
18 and groups at the polling place;

19           (b) Procedures to be followed with respect to voters  
20 whose names are not on the precinct register;

21           (c) Proper operation of the voting system;

22           (d) Ballot handling procedures;

23           (e) Procedures governing spoiled ballots;

24           (f) Procedures to be followed after the polls close;

25           (g) Rights of voters at the polls;

26           (h) Procedures for handling emergency situations;

27           (i) Procedures for dealing with irate voters;

28           (j) The handling and processing of provisional  
29 ballots; and

30           (k) Security procedures.

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1 The Department of State shall revise the manual as necessary  
2 to address new procedures in law or problems encountered by  
3 voters and pollworkers at the precincts.

4 (6) Supervisors of elections shall work with the  
5 business and local community to develop public-private  
6 programs to ensure the recruitment of skilled inspectors and  
7 clerks.

8 Section 53. Subsections (8) and (9) of section  
9 102.012, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

10 Section 54. Subsection (2) of section 102.021, Florida  
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 102.021 Compensation of inspectors, clerks, and deputy  
13 sheriffs.--

14 (2) Inspectors and clerks of election and deputy  
15 sheriffs serving at the precincts may receive compensation and  
16 travel expenses, as provided in s. 112.061, for attending the  
17 pollworker training required by s. 102.014 ~~102.012 (8)~~.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 5, line 2

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24 insert:

25 amending s. 98.255, F.S.; providing for  
26 nonpartisan voter education; requiring the  
27 supervisors of elections to report to the  
28 Division of Elections on voter-education  
29 programs; requiring the division to report to  
30 the Legislature on the effectiveness of  
31 voter-education programs; creating s.

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1           102.014, F.S.; providing for pollworker  
2           recruitment and training; repealing s. 102.012  
3           (8) and (9), F.S., relating to pollworker  
4           training;  
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