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Senator Mitchell moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, lines 9-10, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 2. Subsections (2) through (31) of section 97.021, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2001-40, Laws of Florida, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (32), respectively, present subsections (32) and (33) of that section are renumbered as subsections (34) and (35), respectively, present subsections (34) through (36) of that section are renumbered as subsections (37) through (38), respectively, and new subsections (2), (33), and (36) are added to that section to read:

97.021 Definitions.--For the purposes of this code, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

(2) "Alternative formats" has the meaning ascribed in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 42 U.S.C. ss. 12101 et seq., including specifically

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1 the technical assistance manuals promulgated thereunder, as
2 amended.

3 (33) "Tactile input device" means a device that
4 provides information to a voting system by means of a voter
5 touching the device, such as a keyboard, and that complies
6 with the requirements of s. 101.56062(1)(k) and (l).

7 (36) "Voter interface device" means any device that
8 communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a
9 voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates
10 and issues.

11 Section 3. Section 97.026, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 97.026 Forms to be available in alternative formats
14 and via the Internet.--It is the intent of the Legislature
15 that all forms required to be used in chapters 97-106 shall be
16 made available upon request, in alternative formats. Such
17 forms shall include absentee ballots as alternative formats
18 for such ballots become available and the Division of
19 Elections is able to certify systems that provide them.
20 Whenever possible, such forms, with the exception of absentee
21 ballots, shall be made available by the Department of State
22 via the Internet. Sections that contain such forms include,
23 but are not limited to, ss. 97.051, 97.052, 97.053, 97.057,
24 97.058, 97.0583, 97.071, 97.073, 97.1031, 98.055, 98.075,
25 99.021, 100.361, 100.371, 101.045, 101.171, 101.20, 101.6103,
26 101.62, 101.64, 101.65, 101.657, 105.031, 106.023, and
27 106.087.

28 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 98.065, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.--

31 (1) The supervisor must conduct a general registration

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1 list maintenance program to protect the integrity of the
2 electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of accurate and
3 current voter registration records. The program must be
4 uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting
5 Rights Act of 1965. As used in this subsection, the term
6 "nondiscriminatory" applies to and includes persons with
7 disabilities.

8 Section 5. Effective July 1, 2004, section 98.122,
9 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

10 98.122 Use of closed captioning and descriptive
11 narrative in all television broadcasts.--Each candidate,
12 political party, and political committee must use closed
13 captioning and descriptive narrative in all television
14 broadcasts regulated by the Federal Communications Commission
15 that are on behalf of, or sponsored by, a candidate, political
16 party, or political committee or must file a written statement
17 with the qualifying officer setting forth the reasons for not
18 doing so. Failure to file this statement with the appropriate
19 qualifying officer constitutes a violation of the Florida
20 Election Code and is under the jurisdiction of the Florida
21 Elections Commission. The Department of State may adopt rules
22 in accordance with s. 120.54 which are necessary to administer
23 this section.

24 Section 6. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of
25 section 100.361, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

26 100.361 Municipal recall.--

27 (1) RECALL PETITION.--Any member of the governing body
28 of a municipality or charter county, hereinafter referred to
29 in this section as "municipality," may be removed from office
30 by the electors of the municipality. When the official
31 represents a district and is elected only by electors residing

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1 in that district, only electors from that district are
2 eligible to sign the petition to recall that official and are
3 entitled to vote in the recall election. When the official
4 represents a district and is elected at-large by the electors
5 of the municipality, all electors of the municipality are
6 eligible to sign the petition to recall that official and are
7 entitled to vote in the recall election. Where used in this
8 section, the term "district" shall be construed to mean the
9 area or region of a municipality from which a member of the
10 governing body is elected by the electors from such area or
11 region. Members may be removed from office by the following
12 procedure:

13 (a) A petition shall be prepared naming the person
14 sought to be recalled and containing a statement of grounds
15 for recall in not more than 200 words limited solely to the
16 grounds specified in paragraph (b). If more than one member
17 of the governing body is sought to be recalled, whether such
18 member is elected by the electors of a district or by the
19 electors of the municipality at-large, a separate recall
20 petition shall be prepared for each member sought to be
21 recalled. Upon request, the content of a petition should be,
22 but is not required to be, provided by the proponent in
23 alternative formats.

24 1. In a municipality or district of fewer than 500
25 electors, the petition shall be signed by at least 50 electors
26 or by 10 percent of the total number of registered electors of
27 the municipality or district as of the preceding municipal
28 election, whichever is greater.

29 2. In a municipality or district of 500 or more but
30 fewer than 2,000 registered electors, the petition shall be
31 signed by at least 100 electors or by 10 percent of the total

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1 number of registered electors of the municipality or district
2 as of the preceding municipal election, whichever is greater.

3 3. In a municipality or district of 2,000 or more but
4 fewer than 5,000 registered electors, the petition shall be
5 signed by at least 250 electors or by 10 percent of the total
6 number of registered electors of the municipality or district
7 as of the preceding municipal election, whichever is greater.

8 4. In a municipality or district of 5,000 or more but
9 fewer than 10,000 registered electors, the petition shall be
10 signed by at least 500 electors or by 10 percent of the total
11 number of registered electors of the municipality or district
12 as of the preceding municipal election, whichever is greater.

13 5. In a municipality or district of 10,000 or more but
14 fewer than 25,000 registered electors, the petition shall be
15 signed by at least 1,000 electors or by 10 percent of the
16 total number of registered electors of the municipality or
17 district as of the preceding municipal election, whichever is
18 greater.

19 6. In a municipality or district of 25,000 or more
20 registered electors, the petition shall be signed by at least
21 1,000 electors or by 5 percent of the total number of
22 registered electors of the municipality or district as of the
23 preceding municipal election, whichever is greater.

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25 Electors of the municipality or district making charges
26 contained in the statement of grounds for recall and those
27 signing the recall petition shall be designated as the
28 "committee." A specific person shall be designated in the
29 petition as chair of the committee to act for the committee.
30 Electors of the municipality or district are eligible to sign
31 the petition. Signatures and oaths of witnesses shall be

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1 executed as provided in paragraph (c). All signatures shall
2 be obtained within a period of 30 days, and the petition shall
3 be filed within 30 days after the date the first signature is
4 obtained on the petition.

5 (d) The petition shall be filed with the auditor or
6 clerk of the municipality or charter county, or his or her
7 equivalent, hereinafter referred to as clerk, by the person
8 designated as chair of the committee, and, when the petition
9 is filed, the clerk shall submit such petition to the county
10 supervisor of elections who shall, within a period of not more
11 than 30 days after the petition is filed with the supervisor,
12 determine whether the petition contains the required valid
13 signatures. The petition cannot be amended after it is filed
14 with the clerk. The supervisor shall be paid by the persons
15 or committee seeking verification the sum of 10 cents for each
16 name checked. Upon filing with the clerk, the petition and all
17 subsequent papers or forms required or permitted to be filed
18 with the clerk in connection with this section must, upon
19 request, be made available in alternative formats.

20 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 100.371, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on
23 ballot.--

24 (3) The sponsor of an initiative amendment shall,
25 prior to obtaining any signatures, register as a political
26 committee pursuant to s. 106.03 and submit the text of the
27 proposed amendment to the Secretary of State, with the form on
28 which the signatures will be affixed, and shall obtain the
29 approval of the Secretary of State of such form. The
30 Secretary of State shall adopt ~~promulgate~~ rules pursuant to s.
31 120.54 prescribing the style and requirements of such form.

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1 Upon filing with the Secretary of State, the text of the
2 proposed amendment and all forms filed in connection with this
3 section must, upon request, be made available in alternative
4 formats.

5 Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 101.051, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 101.051 Electors seeking assistance in casting
8 ballots; oath to be executed; forms to be furnished.--

9 (4) If an elector needs assistance in voting pursuant
10 to the provisions of this section, the clerk or one of the
11 inspectors shall require the elector requesting assistance in
12 voting to take the following oath:

13
14 DECLARATION TO SECURE ASSISTANCE

15
16 State of Florida
17 County of
18 Date
19 Precinct

20 I, ...(Print name)..., swear or affirm that I am a
21 registered elector and request assistance from ...(Print
22 names)... in voting at the ...(name of election)... held on
23 ...(date of election)....~~for the following reason.....~~

24
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26(Signature of voter)...

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28 Sworn and subscribed to before me this day of,
29 ...(year)....

30 ...(Signature of Official Administering Oath)...

31 Section 9. Section 101.51, Florida Statutes, is

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1 amended to read:

2 101.51 Electors to occupy booth alone; ~~time allowed.~~--

3 (1) When the elector presents himself or herself to
4 vote, the election official shall ascertain whether the
5 elector's name is upon the register of electors, and, if the
6 elector's name appears and no challenge interposes, or, if
7 interposed, be not sustained, one of the election officials
8 stationed at the entrance shall announce the name of the
9 elector and permit him or her to enter the booth or
10 compartment to cast his or her vote, allowing only one elector
11 at a time to pass through to vote. An ~~No~~ elector, while
12 casting his or her ballot, may not ~~shall~~ occupy a booth or
13 compartment ~~longer than 5 minutes or be allowed to occupy a~~
14 ~~booth or compartment~~ already occupied or ~~to~~ speak with anyone,
15 except as provided by s. 101.051, while in the polling place.

16 (2) ~~If an elector requires longer than 5 minutes, then~~
17 ~~upon a sufficient reason he or she may be granted a longer~~
18 ~~period of time by the election officials in charge. After~~
19 casting his or her vote, the elector shall at once leave the
20 polling room by the exit opening and shall not be permitted to
21 reenter on any pretext whatever. ~~After the elector has voted,~~
22 ~~or declined or failed to vote within 5 minutes, he or she~~
23 ~~shall immediately withdraw from the polling place. If the~~
24 ~~elector refuses to leave after the lapse of 5 minutes, he or~~
25 ~~she shall be removed by the election officials.~~

26 Section 10. Section 101.56062, Florida Statutes, is
27 created to read:

28 101.56062 Standards for accessible voting systems.--

29 (1) Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the
30 contrary, each voting system certified by the Department of
31 State for use in local, state, and federal elections must

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1 include the capability to install accessible voter interface
2 devices in the system configuration which will allow the
3 system to meet the following minimum standards:

4 (a) The voting system must provide a tactile input or
5 audio input device, or both.

6 (b) The voting system must provide a method by which
7 voters can confirm any tactile or audio input by having the
8 capability of audio output using synthetic or recorded human
9 speech that is reasonably phonetically accurate.

10 (c) Any operable controls on the input device which
11 are needed for voters who are visually impaired must be
12 discernable tactilely without actuating the keys.

13 (d) Audio and visual access approaches must be able to
14 work both separately and simultaneously.

15 (e) If a nonaudio access approach is provided, the
16 system may not require color perception. The system must use
17 black text or graphics, or both, on white background or white
18 text or graphics, or both, on black background, unless the
19 office of the Secretary of State approves other high-contrast
20 color combinations that do not require color perception.

21 (f) Any voting system that requires any visual
22 perception must offer the election official who programs the
23 system, prior to its being sent to the polling place, the
24 capability to set the font size, as it appears to the voter,
25 from a minimum of 14 points to a maximum of 24 points.

26 (g) The voting system must provide audio information,
27 including any audio output using synthetic or recorded human
28 speech or any auditory feedback tones that are important for
29 the use of the audio approach, through at least one mode, by
30 handset or headset, in enhanced auditory fashion (increased
31 amplification), and must provide incremental volume control

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1 with output amplification up to a level of at least 97 dB SPL.

2 (h) For transmitted voice signals to the voter, the
3 voting system must provide a gain adjustable up to a minimum
4 of 20 dB with at least one intermediate step of 12 dB of gain.

5 (i) For the safety of others, if the voting system has
6 the possibility of exceeding 120 dB SPL, then a mechanism must
7 be included to reset the volume automatically to the voting
8 system's default volume level after every use, for example
9 when the handset is replaced, but not before. Also, universal
10 precautions in the use and sharing of headsets should be
11 followed.

12 (j) If sound cues and audible information such as
13 "beeps" are used, there must be simultaneous corresponding
14 visual cues and information.

15 (k) Controls and operable mechanisms must be operable
16 with one hand, including operability with a closed fist, and
17 operable without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the
18 wrist.

19 (l) The force required to operate or activate the
20 controls must be no greater than 5 pounds of force.

21 (m) Voting booths must have voting controls at a
22 minimum height of 36 inches above the finished floor with a
23 minimum knee clearance of 27 inches high, 30 inches wide, and
24 19 inches deep, or the accessible voter interface devices must
25 be designed so as to allow their use on top of a table to meet
26 these requirements. Tabletop installations must include
27 adequate privacy.

28 (n) Any audio ballot must provide the voter with the
29 following functionalities:

30 1. After the initial instructions that the system
31 requires election officials to provide to each voter, the

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1 voter should be able to independently operate the voter
2 interface through the final step of casting a ballot without
3 assistance.

4 2. The voter must be able to determine the races that
5 he or she is allowed to vote in and to determine which
6 candidates are available in each race.

7 3. The voter must be able to determine how many
8 candidates may be selected in each race.

9 4. The voter must be able to have confidence that the
10 physical or vocal inputs given to the system have selected the
11 candidates that he or she intended to select.

12 5. The voter must be able to review the candidate
13 selections that he or she has made.

14 6. Prior to the act of casting the ballot, the voter
15 must be able to change any selections previously made and
16 confirm a new selection.

17 7. The system must communicate to the voter the fact
18 that the voter has failed to vote in a race or has failed to
19 vote the number of allowable candidates in any race and
20 require the voter to confirm his or her intent to undervote
21 before casting the ballot.

22 8. The system must prevent the voter from overvoting
23 any race.

24 9. The voter must be able to input a candidate's name
25 in each race that allows a write-in candidate.

26 10. The voter must be able to review his or her
27 write-in input to the interface, edit that input, and confirm
28 that the edits meet the voter's intent.

29 11. There must be a clear, identifiable action that
30 the voter takes to "cast" the ballot. The system must make
31 clear to the voter how to take this action so that the voter

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1 has minimal risk of taking the action accidentally but, when
2 the voter intends to cast the ballot, the action can be easily
3 performed.

4 12. Once the ballot is cast, the system must confirm
5 to the voter that the action has occurred and that the voter's
6 process of voting is complete.

7 13. Once the ballot is cast, the system must preclude
8 the voter from modifying the ballot cast or voting or casting
9 another ballot.

10 (2) Such voting system must include at least one
11 accessible voter interface device installed in each precinct
12 which meets the requirements of this section, except for
13 paragraph (1)(d).

14 (3) The Department of State may adopt rules in
15 accordance with s. 120.54 which are necessary to administer
16 this section.

17 Section 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that
18 this state be eligible for any funds that are available from
19 the Federal Government to assist states in providing or
20 improving accessibility of voting systems and polling places
21 for persons having a disability. Accordingly, all state laws,
22 rules, standards, and codes governing voting systems and
23 polling place accessibility must be maintained to ensure the
24 state's eligibility to receive federal funds. It is the intent
25 of the Legislature that all state requirements meet or exceed
26 the minimum federal requirements for voting systems and
27 polling place accessibility. This section shall take effect
28 upon this act becoming a law.

29 Section 12. Section 101.662, Florida Statutes, is
30 created to read:

31 101.662 Accessibility of absentee ballots.--It is the

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1 intent of the Legislature that voting by absentee ballot be by
2 methods that are fully accessible to all voters, including
3 voters having a disability. The Department of State shall work
4 with the supervisors of elections and the disability community
5 to develop and implement procedures and technologies, as
6 possible, which will include procedures for providing absentee
7 ballots, upon request, in alternative formats that will allow
8 all voters to cast a secret, independent, and verifiable
9 absentee ballot without the assistance of another person.

10 Section 13. Effective July 1, 2004, subsection (2) of
11 section 101.71, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 25 of
12 chapter 2001-40, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

13 101.71 Polling place.--

14 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1),
15 whenever the supervisor of elections of any county determines
16 that the accommodations for holding any election at a polling
17 place designated for any precinct in the county are
18 unavailable,~~or~~ are inadequate for the expeditious and
19 efficient housing and handling of voting and voting
20 paraphernalia, or do not comply with the requirements of s.
21 101.715,the supervisor shall ~~may provide~~, not less than 30
22 days prior to the holding of an election, provide for ~~that~~ the
23 voting place for such precinct to ~~shall~~ be moved to another
24 site that is ~~which shall be~~ accessible to the public on
25 election day in said precinct or, if such is not available, to
26 another site that is ~~which shall be~~ accessible to the public
27 on election day in a contiguous precinct. If such action of
28 the supervisor results in the voting place for two or more
29 precincts being located for the purposes of an election in one
30 building, the voting places for the several precincts involved
31 shall be established and maintained separate from each other

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1 in said building. When any supervisor moves any polling place
2 pursuant to this subsection, the supervisor shall, not more
3 than 30 days or fewer than 7 days prior to the holding of an
4 election, give notice of the change of the polling place for
5 the precinct involved, with clear description of the voting
6 place to which changed, at least once in a newspaper of
7 general circulation in said county. A notice of the change of
8 the polling place involved shall be mailed, at least 14 days
9 prior to an election, to each registered elector or to each
10 household in which there is a registered elector.

11 Section 14. Effective July 1, 2004, section 101.715,
12 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 (Substantial rewording of section. See
14 s. 101.715, F.S., for present text.)

15 101.715 Accessibility of polling places for people
16 having a disability.--

17 (1) All polling places must be accessible and usable
18 by people with disabilities, as provided in this section.

19 (2) Only those polling places complying with the
20 Florida Americans With Disabilities Accessibility
21 Implementation Act, ss. 553.501-553.513, for all portions of
22 the polling place or the structure in which it is located that
23 voters traverse going to and from the polling place and during
24 the voting process, regardless of the age or function of the
25 building, shall be used for federal, state, and local
26 elections.

27 (3) The selection of a polling site must ensure
28 accessibility with respect to the following accessible
29 elements, spaces, scope, and technical requirements:
30 accessible route, space allowance and reach ranges, protruding
31 objects, ground and floor surfaces, parking and passenger

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1 loading zones, curb ramps, ramps, stairs, elevators, platform
2 lifts, doors, entrances, path of egress, controls and
3 operating mechanisms, signage, and all other minimum
4 requirements.

5 (4) Standards required at each polling place,
6 regardless of the age of the building or function of the
7 building, include:

8 (a) For polling places that provide parking spaces for
9 voters, one or more signed accessible parking spaces for
10 disabled persons.

11 (b) Signage identifying an accessible path of travel
12 to the polling place if it differs from the primary route or
13 entrance.

14 (c) An unobstructed path of travel to the polling
15 place.

16 (d) Level, firm, stable, and slip-resistant surfaces.

17 (e) An unobstructed area for voting.

18 (f) Sufficient lighting along the accessible path of
19 travel and within the polling place.

20 (5) The Department of State may adopt rules in
21 accordance with s. 120.54 which are necessary to administer
22 this section.

23 Section 15. (1) By September 1, 2003, each polling
24 place in a county should be surveyed by the supervisor of
25 elections of that county for the purpose of determining
26 accessibility under the standards to be adopted pursuant to s.
27 101.715, Florida Statutes, on July 1, 2004, using a survey
28 developed by rule of the Department of State.

29 (2) The results of this survey shall be presented by
30 the Division of Elections by December 1, 2003, to the
31 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

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1 House of Representatives. The report must note any polling
2 places that will not meet the accessibility standards to be
3 adopted on July 1, 2004, and shall state the specific reasons
4 why those polling places may not be brought into compliance by
5 that date. For each polling place that may not be brought into
6 compliance by that date, the supervisor of elections must
7 certify that fact to the Division of Elections and shall be
8 granted a variance for that polling place until the primary
9 and general elections in 2006.

10 Section 16. Effective November 30, 2002, subsection
11 (7) is added to section 102.014, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 102.014 Poll worker recruitment and training.--

13 (7) The Department of State shall develop a mandatory,
14 statewide, and uniform program for training poll workers on
15 issues of etiquette and sensitivity with respect to voters
16 having a disability. The program must consist of approximately
17 1 hour of the required number of hours set forth in paragraph
18 (4)(a). The program must be conducted locally by each
19 supervisor of elections, who shall periodically certify to the
20 Department of State whether each poll worker has completed the
21 program. The supervisor of elections shall contract with a
22 recognized disability-related organization, such as a center
23 for independent living, family network on disabilities, deaf
24 service bureau, or other such organization, to develop and
25 assist with training the trainers in the disability
26 sensitivity programs. The program must include actual
27 demonstrations of obstacles confronted by disabled persons
28 during the voting process, including obtaining access to the
29 polling place, traveling through the polling area, and using
30 the voting system.

31 Section 17. Section 104.20, Florida Statutes, is

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1 amended to read:

2 104.20 Ballot not to be seen, and other offenses.--Any
3 elector who, except as provided by law, allows his or her
4 ballot to be seen by any person; takes or removes, or attempts
5 to take or remove, any ballot from the polling place before
6 the close of the polls; places any mark on his or her ballot
7 by which it may be identified; ~~remains longer than the~~
8 ~~specified time allowed by law in the booth or compartment~~
9 ~~after having been notified that his or her time has expired;~~
10 endeavors to induce any elector to show how he or she voted;
11 aids or attempts to aid any elector unlawfully; or prints or
12 procures to be printed, or has in his or her possession, any
13 copies of any ballot prepared to be voted is guilty of a
14 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
15 775.082 or s. 775.083.

16 Section 18. Paragraph (y) of subsection (1) of section
17 125.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 125.01 Powers and duties.--

19 (1) The legislative and governing body of a county
20 shall have the power to carry on county government. To the
21 extent not inconsistent with general or special law, this
22 power includes, but is not restricted to, the power to:

23 (y) Place questions or propositions on the ballot at
24 any primary election, general election, or otherwise called
25 special election, when agreed to by a majority vote of the
26 total membership of the legislative and governing body, so as
27 to obtain an expression of elector sentiment with respect to
28 matters of substantial concern within the county. No special
29 election may be called for the purpose of conducting a straw
30 ballot. Any election costs, as defined in s. 97.021(10)~~s.~~
31 ~~97.021(9)~~, associated with any ballot question or election

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1 called specifically at the request of a district or for the
2 creation of a district shall be paid by the district either in
3 whole or in part as the case may warrant.

4 Section 19. The State may apply for all available
5 federal funds to be used to pay for the costs associated with
6 this act.

7 Section 20. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
8 this act, this act shall take effect one year after the
9 legislature adopts the general appropriations act specifically
10 appropriating to the Department of State, for distribution to
11 the counties, \$8.7 million or such other amounts as it
12 determines and appropriates for the specific purpose of
13 funding this act.

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16 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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20 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to elections; amending s.

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106.08, F.S.; clarifying requirements for

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soliciting and accepting charitable

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contributions; reenacting a prohibition against

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indirect campaign contributions; amending s.

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97.021, F.S.; defining the terms "alternative

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formats," "tactile input device," and "voter

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interface device" for purposes of the Florida

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Election Code; creating s. 97.026, F.S.;

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stating the legislature's intent that certain

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1 forms used under the code be made available in
2 alternative formats; requiring the Department
3 of State to make such forms available via the
4 Internet if possible; amending s. 98.065, F.S.;
5 requiring that the maintenance of voter
6 registration records be nondiscriminatory with
7 respect to persons having a disability;
8 creating s. 98.122, F.S.; requiring candidates,
9 political parties, and political committees to
10 use closed captioning and descriptive narrative
11 in all television broadcasts; providing that
12 failing to file a statement of reasons for
13 failing to do so is a violation of the code,
14 for which there are penalties; authorizing the
15 Department of State to adopt rules; amending
16 ss. 100.361, 100.371, F.S.; suggesting that a
17 recall petition be available in alternative
18 formats; requiring a constitutional amendment
19 proposed by initiative and other papers and
20 forms be available in alternative formats;
21 amending s. 101.051, F.S.; eliminating a
22 requirement that an elector give a reason under
23 oath for requesting assistance in voting;
24 amending s. 101.51, F.S.; abolishing
25 limitations on the length of time a voter is
26 allowed to occupy a voting booth or
27 compartment; creating s. 101.56062, F.S.;
28 providing standards for accessible voting
29 systems; requiring any voting system to have at
30 least one accessible voter interface device
31 installed in each precinct; authorizing the

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1 Department of State to adopt rules; providing
2 legislative intent with respect to meeting or
3 exceeding minimum federal requirements for
4 voting systems and accessibility of polling
5 places; creating s. 101.662, F.S.; authorizing
6 the Department of State to work with certain
7 parties to develop procedures to allow absentee
8 ballots to be cast in alternative formats;
9 amending s. 101.71, F.S.; authorizing
10 supervisors of elections to move a polling
11 place that does not comply with requirements
12 for accessibility; amending s. 101.715, F.S.;
13 requiring that all polling places be accessible
14 by persons having a disability; providing for
15 standards that are required at each polling
16 place; authorizing the Department of State to
17 adopt rules; requiring the supervisors of
18 elections to survey polling places for
19 accessibility by a specified date; providing
20 for a report of survey results to the Governor
21 and Legislature; allowing for variance until a
22 certain time; amending s. 102.014, F.S.;
23 requiring the Department of State to develop a
24 training program for poll workers concerning
25 voters having a disability; providing
26 requirements for the program; requiring
27 supervisors of elections to certify completion
28 of the program by poll workers; amending s.
29 104.20, F.S., relating to penalties imposed
30 against an elector for remaining in a voting
31 booth longer than the specified time;

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1 conforming provisions to changes made by the
2 act; amending s. 125.01, F.S., relating to
3 powers of the governing body of a county;
4 conforming a cross-reference to changes made by
5 the act; authorizing the State to apply for
6 federal funds to be used to fund this act;
7 providing effective dates.
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