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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to voter education; requiring district school boards and county supervisors of elections jointly to provide a program of voter education for high-school seniors; providing guidelines for the content of the educational program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Each district school board and county supervisor of elections shall cooperate to provide voter education to high-school students who are in grade 12. This educational effort must include instruction in the responsibilities of voters, how to vote, how and when to preregister, and how to use voting machines. Students who have satisfactorily completed the instruction should be allowed to preregister to vote. Such instruction should take place during school hours, for instance during a senior assembly or other such event, so as to facilitate focusing on 12th-graders.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires district school boards and county supervisors of elections jointly to provide a voter-education program for high-school seniors. Prescribes the content of the educational program.