

Bill No. CS for SB 618

Amendment No. Barcode 865338

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11 Senator Jones moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 6, line 20, through
15 page 8, line 2, delete those lines

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17 and insert:

18 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 98.255, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 98.255 Voter education programs.--

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

- 27 (a) Voter registration;
- 28 (b) Balloting procedures, absentee and polling place;
- 29 (c) Voter rights ~~and responsibilities~~;
- 30 (d) Distribution of sample ballots; and
- 31 (e) Public service announcements.

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1 Section 7. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 101.031,
2 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3 101.031 Instructions for electors.--

4 (1) The Department of State, or in case of municipal
5 elections the governing body of the municipality, shall print,
6 in large type on cards, instructions for the electors to use
7 in voting. It shall provide not less than two cards for each
8 voting precinct for each election and furnish such cards to
9 each supervisor upon requisition. Each supervisor of
10 elections shall send a sufficient number of these cards to the
11 precincts prior to an election. The election inspectors shall
12 display the cards in the polling places as information for
13 electors. The cards shall contain information about how to
14 vote and such other information as the Department of State may
15 deem necessary. The cards must also include the list of rights
16 ~~and responsibilities~~ afforded to Florida voters, as described
17 in subsection (2).

18 (2) The supervisor of elections in each county shall
19 have posted at each polling place in the county the Voter's
20 Bill of Rights ~~and Responsibilities~~ in the following form:

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22 VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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24 Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

- 25 1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
26 2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official
27 closing of ~~when~~ the polls in that county ~~are closing~~.
28 3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
29 4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she
30 makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
31 5. An explanation if his or her registration is in

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1 question.

2 6. If his or her registration is in question, cast a
3 provisional ballot.

4 7. Prove his or her identity by signing an affidavit
5 if election officials doubt the voter's identity.

6 8. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon
7 request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.

8 9. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by
9 elections officers or any other person.

10 10. Vote on a voting system that is in working
11 condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

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13 ~~VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES~~

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15 ~~Each registered voter in this state has the~~
16 ~~responsibility to:~~

17 ~~1. Study and know candidates and issues.~~

18 ~~2. Keep his or her voter address current.~~

19 ~~3. Know his or her precinct and its hours of~~
20 ~~operation.~~

21 ~~4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.~~

22 ~~5. Know how to operate voting equipment properly.~~

23 ~~6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.~~

24 ~~7. Respect the privacy of other voters.~~

25 ~~8. Report problems or violations of election law.~~

26 ~~9. Ask questions when confused.~~

27 ~~10. Check his or her completed ballot for accuracy.~~

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29 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, lines 16-17, delete those lines

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5 and insert:

6 registration database; amending s. 98.255,

7 F.S.; correcting a cross-reference relating to

8 voter rights and responsibilities; amending s.

9 101.031, F.S.; revising the Voter's Bill of

10 Rights to clarify that a voter may cast a vote

11 if he or she is in line at the official closing

12 of the polls in the county; eliminating

13 provisions specifying voter responsibilities;

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