$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Cowin and Lynn

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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to elections; suspending operation of the second primary election until 3 4 January 1, 2006; providing a date in 2004 by 5 which candidates for Lieutenant Governor must 6 be designated and qualified; providing campaign 7 finance reporting dates and contribution limits for the 2004 elections; providing an effective 8 9 date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding section 100.061, 13 Florida Statutes, for the year 2004, a primary election for 14 nomination of candidates of political parties shall be held on 15 the Tuesday 9 weeks prior to the general election. The 16 17 candidate receiving the highest number of the votes cast in each contest in the primary election shall be declared 18 19 nominated for such office. If two or more persons receive an 20 equal and highest number of votes for the same office, such persons shall draw lots to determine who shall receive the 21 22 nomination. (2) Notwithstanding section 100.091, Florida Statutes, 23 or any other provision of the Florida Election Code to the 24 25 contrary, there shall be no second primary election between 26 the effective date of this act and January 1, 2006. (3)(a) No later than 5 p.m. of the 9th day following 27 28 the primary election in 2004, each candidate for Governor 29 shall designate a Lieutenant Governor as a running mate. Such 30 designation must be made in writing to the Department of

1	(b) No later than the time specified in paragraph (a),
2	each designated candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall file
3	with the Department of State the qualifying papers specified
4	in section 99.063, Florida Statutes.
5	(4)(a) For the 2004 elections, following the last day
6	of qualifying for office, reports pursuant to section 106.07,
7	Florida Statutes, shall be filed on the 32nd, 18th, and 4th
8	days immediately preceding the primary election and on the
9	46th, 32nd, 18th, and 4th days immediately preceding the
10	general election.
11	(b) For the 2004 elections, following the last day of
12	qualifying for office, any statewide candidate who has
13	requested to receive contributions from the Election Campaign
14	Financing Trust Fund or any statewide candidate in a race with
15	a candidate who has requested to receive contributions from
16	the trust fund shall file reports on the 4th, 11th, 18th,
17	25th, and 32nd days immediately preceding the primary election
18	and on the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 32nd, 39th, 46th, and 53rd
19	days prior to the general election.
20	(5) For the 2004 elections, there shall be two
21	elections for purposes of the contribution limits in section
22	106.08, Florida Statutes.
23	Section 2. This act shall take effect January 2, 2004.
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25	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
26	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 1542
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28	The committee substitute differs from the original bill in
29	that it: moves the date of the sole primary in 2004 from September 14 to August 31.
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