

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Cowin and Lynn

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to elections; suspending  
3           operation of the second primary election until  
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  
8           for the 2004 elections; providing an effective  
9           date.

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

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13           Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding section 100.061,  
14 Florida Statutes, for the year 2004, a primary election for  
15 nomination of candidates of political parties shall be held on  
16 the Tuesday 9 weeks prior to the general election. The  
17 candidate receiving the highest number of the votes cast in  
18 each contest in the primary election shall be declared  
19 nominated for such office. If two or more persons receive an  
20 equal and highest number of votes for the same office, such  
21 persons shall draw lots to determine who shall receive the  
22 nomination.

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24           (2) Notwithstanding section 100.091, Florida Statutes,  
25 or any other provision of the Florida Election Code to the  
26 contrary, there shall be no second primary election between  
27 the effective date of this act and January 1, 2006.

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29           (3)(a) No later than 5 p.m. of the 9th day following  
30 the primary election in 2004, each candidate for Governor  
31 shall designate a Lieutenant Governor as a running mate. Such  
designation must be made in writing to the Department of  
State.

