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11 Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

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

14 On page 8, between lines 22 and 23,

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16 insert:

17 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 101.657, Florida  
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 101.657 Voting absentee ballots in person.--

20 (2)(a) As an alternative to the provisions of ss.  
21 101.64 and 101.65, the supervisor of elections may allow an  
22 elector to cast an absentee ballot in the main office or any  
23 branch office of the supervisor by depositing the voted ballot  
24 in a voting device used by the supervisor to collect or  
25 tabulate ballots. For purposes of this section, a branch  
26 office may include a single building or complex of buildings  
27 whose residents are members of a condominium or homeowners'  
28 association comprised of at least 1,000 registered voters.

29 (b) Voting by absentee ballot at the main office or  
30 any branch office, as determined by the supervisor, shall  
31 commence 14 days prior to an election. However, the results or

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1 tabulation may not be made before the close of the polls on  
2 election day.

3 ~~(c)(a)~~ The elector must provide picture identification  
4 and must complete an In-Office Voter Certificate in  
5 substantially the following form:

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7 IN-OFFICE VOTER CERTIFICATE  
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9 I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a qualified elector in this election and  
10 registered voter of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida. I do solemnly swear  
11 or affirm that I am the person so listed on the voter  
12 registration rolls of \_\_\_\_\_ County and that I reside at the  
13 listed address. I understand that if I commit or attempt to  
14 commit fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent  
15 ballot, or vote more than once in an election I could be  
16 convicted of a felony of the third degree and both fined up to  
17 \$5,000 and imprisoned for up to 5 years. I understand that my  
18 failure to sign this certificate and have my signature  
19 witnessed invalidates my ballot.

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22 ... (Voter's Signature) ...

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24 ... (Address) ...

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26 ... (City/State) ...

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28 ... (Name of Witness) ...

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30 ... (Signature of Witness) ...  
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1           ... (Type of identification provided) ...

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3           ~~(d)(b)~~ Any elector may challenge an elector seeking to  
4 cast an absentee ballot under the provisions of s. 101.111.  
5 Any challenged ballot must be placed in a regular absentee  
6 ballot envelope. The canvassing board shall review the ballot  
7 and decide the validity of the ballot by majority vote.

8           ~~(e)(c)~~ The canvass of returns for ballots cast under  
9 this subsection shall be substantially the same as votes cast  
10 by electors in precincts, as provided in s. 101.5614.

11           (f) The Department of State shall adopt rules pursuant  
12 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of  
13 this subsection, including, at a minimum, provisions for the  
14 selection and security of the main office or branch offices,  
15 and their respective polling places, for the purposes of this  
16 subsection.

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18 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

22 And the title is amended as follows:

23           On page 1, line 19, after the words "cross-reference";

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25 and insert:

26           amending s. 101.657, F.S.; authorizing the use  
27           of certain buildings as branch offices for  
28           purposes of voting absentee ballots in person;  
29           providing for early voting by absentee ballot  
30           in person in the main office or branch offices  
31           of the supervisor of elections; providing

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