By Senator Sebesta

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1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to voter education; requiring

3   district school boards and county supervisors

4   of elections jointly to provide a program of

5   voter education for high-school seniors;

6   providing guidelines for the content of the

7   educational program; requiring that the program

8   of voter education be conducted during school

9   hours; providing an effective 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) Each district school board and county

14   supervisor of elections shall cooperate to provide voter

15   education to high-school students who are in grade 12. The

16   voter education shall be in the form of a presentation and is

17   mandatory for public high schools and voluntary for nonpublic

18   high schools. Each supervisor of elections shall conduct the

19   presentation for the public high schools and, upon request,

20   the nonpublic high schools.

21   (2)   The voter education must include information

22   concerning:

23   (a) How to register to vote and preregister.

24   (b) The operation of voting machines.

25   (c) How, when, and where to vote.

26   (d) The importance of voting.

27   (3)   The voter education program must provide students

28   with the opportunity, sufficient information, and sufficient

29   time to complete and hand in to the supervisor of elections

30   applications for voter registration.

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1   (4) The voter education program shall be conducted

2 during school hours each term of the school year in order to

3 reach a maximum number of students in the most effective and

4 efficient manner.

5   (5) A student may not be excluded from the voter

6 education program due to an irregular class schedule, and

7 students enrolled in a magnet program must be provided voter

8 education.

9   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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12   SENATE SUMMARY

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

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