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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to polling place procedures; amending s.  
 3           102.014, F.S.; including criteria for providing expedited  
 4           voting access to disabled individuals in the uniform  
 5           polling place procedures manual; providing an effective  
 6           date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 102.014, Florida  
 11           Statutes, is amended to read:

12           102.014 Poll worker recruitment and training.--

13           (5) The Department of State shall create a uniform polling  
 14           place procedures manual and adopt the manual by rule. Each  
 15           supervisor of elections shall ensure that the manual is  
 16           available in hard copy or electronic form in every precinct in  
 17           the supervisor's jurisdiction on election day. The manual shall  
 18           guide inspectors, clerks, and deputy sheriffs in the proper  
 19           implementation of election procedures and laws. The manual shall  
 20           be indexed by subject, and written in plain, clear, unambiguous  
 21           language. The manual shall provide specific examples of common  
 22           problems encountered at the polls on election day, and detail  
 23           specific procedures for resolving those problems. The manual  
 24           shall include, without limitation:

25           (a) Regulations governing solicitation by individuals and  
 26           groups at the polling place;

27           (b) Procedures to be followed with respect to voters whose  
 28           names are not on the precinct register;

29           (c) Proper operation of the voting system;

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- 30 (d) Ballot handling procedures;
- 31 (e) Procedures governing spoiled ballots;
- 32 (f) Procedures to be followed after the polls close;
- 33 (g) Rights of voters at the polls;
- 34 (h) Procedures for handling emergency situations;
- 35 (i) Procedures for dealing with irate voters;
- 36 (j) The handling and processing of provisional ballots;
- 37 and
- 38 (k) Security procedures.
- 39 (l) Criteria for providing expedited voting access to
- 40 disabled individuals.

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42 The Department of State shall revise the manual as necessary to

43 address new procedures in law or problems encountered by voters

44 and poll workers at the precincts.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.