



1 from provisional ballots, shall constitute the official return  
2 of the election upon certification by the canvassing board. In  
3 addition to recording total results of the county, the return  
4 shall record results for each precinct. Precinct results need  
5 not distinguish among methods of voting but must record for  
6 each precinct the return tabulated at the precinct location to  
7 which has been added the return for that precinct of write-in,  
8 absentee, early voted, and manually counted votes and votes  
9 from provisional ballots. Upon completion of the count, the  
10 returns shall be open to the public. A copy of the returns may  
11 be posted at the central counting place or at the office of  
12 the supervisor of elections in lieu of the posting of returns  
13 at individual precincts.

14 Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 101.64,  
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 101.64 Delivery of absentee ballots; envelopes;  
17 form.--

18 (3) The supervisor shall mark, code, track, or  
19 otherwise indicate on each ballot, secrecy envelope, or  
20 mailing envelope the precinct of the absent elector.

21 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
22 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23 101.657 Early voting.--

24 (1)(a) The supervisor of elections shall allow an  
25 elector to vote early in the main or branch office of the  
26 supervisor by depositing the voted ballot in a voting device  
27 used by the supervisor to collect or tabulate ballots. The  
28 supervisor shall mark, code, track, or otherwise indicate on  
29 each early voted ballot the precinct to which the ballot  
30 corresponds. In order for a branch office to be used for early  
31 voting, it shall be a full-service facility of the supervisor

1 and shall have been designated as such at least 1 year prior  
2 to the election. The supervisor may designate any city hall or  
3 public library as early voting sites; however, if so  
4 designated, the sites must be geographically located so as to  
5 provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast  
6 a ballot, insofar as is practicable. The results or tabulation  
7 may not be made before the close of the polls on election day.

8 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
9 101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 101.68 Canvassing of absentee ballot.--

11 (2)

12 (d) The canvassing board shall record the ballot upon  
13 the proper record, unless the ballot has been previously  
14 recorded by the supervisor. The mailing envelopes shall be  
15 opened and the secrecy envelopes shall be mixed so as to make  
16 it impossible to determine which secrecy envelope came out of  
17 which signed mailing envelope; however, in any county in which  
18 an electronic or electromechanical voting system is used, the  
19 ballots may be sorted by ballot styles and the mailing  
20 envelopes may be opened and the secrecy envelopes mixed  
21 separately for each ballot style. The votes on absentee  
22 ballots shall be combined with the tabulated votes for each  
23 precinct and included in the total vote of the county.

24 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
25 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Clarifies requirements governing early voted ballots to provide for automatic tabulation and include early voted ballots within the official return of the election. Requires that the results for each precinct be recorded in the return. Requires that the supervisor of elections indicate on each ballot, secrecy envelope, mailing envelope, or early voted ballot the precinct of the voter. (See bill for details.)