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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to voter education; requiring district school boards and county supervisors of elections jointly to provide a program of voter education for high-school seniors; providing guidelines for the content of the educational program; requiring that the program of voter education be conducted during school hours; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) Each district school board and county supervisor of elections shall cooperate to provide voter education to high-school students who are in grade 12. The voter education shall be in the form of a presentation and is mandatory for public high schools and voluntary for nonpublic high schools. Each supervisor of elections shall conduct the presentation for the public high schools and, upon request, the nonpublic high schools.

(2) The voter education must include information concerning:

- (a) How to register to vote and preregister.
- (b) The operation of voting machines.
- (c) How, when, and where to vote.
- (d) The importance of voting.

(3) The voter-education program must provide students with the opportunity, sufficient information, and sufficient time to complete and hand in to the supervisor of elections applications for voter registration.

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
6 voter-education program due to an irregular class schedule,
7 and students enrolled in a magnet program must be provided
8 voter education.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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