

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to voter education; requiring district  
 3           school boards and county supervisors of elections jointly  
 4           to provide a program of voter education for high school  
 5           seniors; providing guidelines for the content of the  
 6           educational program; requiring that the program of voter  
 7           education be conducted during school hours; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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

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

20           (2) The voter education must include information  
 21 concerning:

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

23           (b) The operation of voting machines.

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

25           (d) The importance of voting.

26           (3) The voter education program must provide students with  
 27 the opportunity, sufficient information, and sufficient time to  
 28 complete and hand in to the supervisor of elections applications

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29 for voter registration.

30 (4) The voter education program shall be conducted during  
31 school hours each term of the school year in order to reach a  
32 maximum number of students in the most effective and efficient  
33 manner.

34 (5) A student may not be excluded from the voter education  
35 program due to an irregular class schedule, and students  
36 enrolled in a magnet program must be provided voter education.

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