

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Ethics & Elections Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to voter registration; creating s.
7 97.05831, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections of
8 each county to send voter registration applications to the
9 Fish and Wildlife Commission and its subagents; amending
10 s. 372.561, F.S.; requiring voter registration
11 applications to be displayed at each location where
12 hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses or permits are
13 sold; requiring that applicants for hunting, fishing, or
14 trapping licenses or permits be asked if they would like a
15 voter registration application; requiring certain
16 information to be provided when a person applies for a
17 hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit on the
18 Internet; providing effective dates.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 97.05831, Florida Statutes, is created
23 to read:

24 97.05831 Voter registration applications made available to
 25 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.--As required in
 26 s. 372.561, each supervisor of elections shall supply voter
 27 registration applications to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 28 Commission and its subagents, as needed.

29 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 372.561, Florida
 30 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and new subsections
 31 (8) and (9) are added to that section to read:

32 372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
 33 numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and
 34 marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.--

35 (8) At each location where hunting, fishing, or trapping
 36 licenses or permits are sold, voter registration applications
 37 shall be displayed and made available to the public. Subagents
 38 shall ask each person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or
 39 trapping license or permit if he or she would like a voter
 40 registration application and may provide such application to the
 41 license or permit applicant but shall not assist such persons
 42 with voter registration applications or collect complete or
 43 incomplete voter registration applications.

44 (9) When acting in its official capacity pursuant to this
 45 section, neither the commission nor a subagent is deemed a
 46 third-party registration organization, as defined in s.
 47 97.021(36), or a voter registration agency, as defined in s.
 48 97.021(40), and is not authorized to solicit, accept, or collect
 49 voter registration applications or provide voter registration
 50 services.

51 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2006, subsection (9) of
52 section 372.561, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, is
53 renumbered as subsection (11), subsection (10) of that section
54 is renumbered as subsection (13), and new subsections (9), (10),
55 and (12) are added to that section to read:

56 372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
57 numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and
58 marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.--

59 (9) Except as provided in subsections (8) and (12), each
60 person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license
61 or permit shall be asked if he or she would like the appropriate
62 supervisor of elections to provide a voter registration
63 application to the applicant at a later date. If at the time a
64 license is purchased the applicant indicates that he or she
65 would like to receive a voter registration application, the
66 commission shall, within 7 days, make the request available to
67 the appropriate supervisor of elections or voter registration
68 agency so that an application may be sent to the applicant.
69 Supervisors of elections shall mail an application to each
70 person requesting such application within 5 business days after
71 receipt of the request.

72 (10) The commission may satisfy the requirements of
73 subsection (9) by providing access to an Internet site with the
74 voter registration information included thereon.

75 (12) Each person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or
76 trapping license or permit on the Internet shall be provided a
77 link to the Department of State's online uniform statewide voter
78 registration application.

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79 | Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
80 | act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.