

HB 133

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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 student voter education; authorizing
7 district school boards and county supervisors of elections
8 to cooperate to provide a program of voter education for
9 high school seniors; providing guidelines for the content
10 of the educational program; requiring that the program of
11 voter education be conducted during school hours;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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

- 23 (2) If provided, the voter education must include
 24 information concerning:
 25 (a) How to register and preregister to vote.
 26 (b) The operation of voting machines.
 27 (c) How, when, and where to vote.
 28 (d) The importance of voting.
 29 (3) If provided, the voter education program must provide
 30 students with the opportunity, sufficient information, and
 31 sufficient time to complete and hand in to the supervisor of
 32 elections applications for voter registration.
 33 (4) If provided, the voter education program shall be
 34 conducted during school hours each term of the school year in
 35 order to reach a maximum number of students in the most
 36 effective and efficient manner.
 37 (5) If voter education is provided, a student may not be
 38 excluded from the voter education program due to an irregular
 39 class schedule, and students enrolled in a magnet school must be
 40 provided the same opportunity for voter education.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.