

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to student voter education; authorizing
3 district school boards and county supervisors of elections
4 to cooperate to provide a program of voter education for
5 high school seniors; providing guidelines for the content
6 of the educational program; requiring that the program of
7 voter education be conducted during school hours;
8 providing an 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 may cooperate to provide voter education
14 to high school students who are in grade 12. The voter education
15 may be in the form of a presentation and is voluntary for public
16 high schools and nonpublic high schools. Each supervisor of
17 elections may conduct the presentation for the public high
18 schools and, upon request, for the nonpublic high schools.

19 (2) If provided, the voter education must include
20 information concerning:

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

22 (b) The operation of voting machines.

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

24 (d) The importance of voting.

25 (3) If provided, the voter education program must provide
26 students with the opportunity, sufficient information, and

27 sufficient time to complete and hand in to the supervisor of
28 elections applications for voter registration.

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

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

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