

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation; and Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to voter registration; creating

3 s. 97.05831, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of

4 elections of each county to send voter

5 registration applications to the Fish and

6 Wildlife Conservation Commission and its

7 subagents; amending s. 372.561, F.S.; requiring

8 voter registration applications to be displayed

9 at each location where hunting, fishing, or

10 trapping licenses or permits are sold;

11 requiring that applicants for hunting, fishing,

12 or trapping licenses or permits be asked if

13 they would like a voter registration

14 application; requiring that certain information

15 be provided when a person applies for a

16 hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit

17 via the Internet; providing effective dates.

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

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21 Section 1. Section 97.05831, Florida Statutes, is

22 created to read:

23 97.05831 Voter registration applications made

24 available to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation

25 Commission.--As required in s. 372.561, each supervisor of

26 elections shall supply voter registration applications to the

27 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its subagents,

28 as needed.

29 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 372.561, Florida

30 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and new

31 subsections (8) and (9) are added to that section, to read:

1           372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and  
2 authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater  
3 aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.--

4           (8) At each location where hunting, fishing, or  
5 trapping licenses or permits are sold, voter registration  
6 applications shall be displayed and made available to the  
7 public. Subagents shall ask each person who applies for a  
8 hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit if he or she  
9 would like a voter registration application and may provide  
10 such application to the license or permit applicant but shall  
11 not assist such persons with voter registration applications  
12 or collect complete or incomplete voter registration  
13 applications.

14           (9) When acting in its official capacity pursuant to  
15 this section, neither the commission nor a subagent is deemed  
16 a third-party registration organization, as defined in s.  
17 97.021(36), or a voter registration agency, as defined in s.  
18 97.021(40), and is not authorized to solicit, accept, or  
19 collect voter registration applications or provide voter  
20 registration services.

21           Section 3. Effective October 1, 2006, subsection (9)  
22 of section 372.561, Florida Statutes, as created by this act,  
23 is renumbered as subsection (11), subsection (10) of that  
24 section is renumbered as subsection (13), and new subsections  
25 (9), (10), and (12) are added to that section, to read:

26           372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and  
27 authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater  
28 aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.--

29           (9) Except as provided in subsections (8) and (12),  
30 each person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or trapping  
31 license or permit shall be asked if he or she would like the

1 appropriate supervisor of elections to provide a voter  
2 registration application to the applicant at a later date. If  
3 at the time a license is purchased the applicant indicates  
4 that he or she would like to receive a voter registration  
5 application, the commission shall, within 7 days, make the  
6 request available to the appropriate supervisor of elections  
7 or voter registration agency so that an application may be  
8 sent to the applicant. Supervisors of elections shall mail an  
9 application to each person requesting such application within  
10 5 business days after receipt of the request.

11 (10) The commission may satisfy the requirements of  
12 subsection (9) by providing access to an Internet site that  
13 contains the voter registration information.

14 (12) Each person who applies for a hunting, fishing,  
15 or trapping license or permit via the Internet shall be  
16 provided a link to the Department of State's online uniform  
17 statewide voter registration application.

18 Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in  
19 this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 208

The committee substitute would require the supervisors of elections to supply voter registration applications to the FWCC and their subagents. Each FWCC subagent would be required to ask each individual who purchases a license or permit if they would like a voter registration application and to make voter registration applications available. Clarification is added which prohibits the subagents from assisting people with the voter registration application or collecting completed applications. The committee substitute further clarifies that the FWCC and its subagents are not voter registration agencies or third-party registration organizations and are thus prohibited from soliciting, accepting, or collecting voter registration applications or providing voter registration services.

The committee substitute provides for a series of procedures to govern the transmission of voter registration applications between the FWCC, its subagents and supervisors of elections.

The committee substitute removes the provision that subagents who fail to provide the proper voter registration information and forms and county supervisors of elections who fail to send the registration forms would face monetary civil penalties.