

By the Committees on Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations; Environmental Preservation; and Senators 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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21 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
23 CS Senate Bill 208

24 The committee substitute for committee substitute for Senate
25 Bill 208, removed the following two traveling amendments:

- 26 -- Authorizing district school boards and county supervisors
27 of elections to provide a voter education program for
28 high school seniors and if a voter education program is
29 provided, it must be conducted during school hours,
30 contain certain educational information, and not exclude
31 students because of class schedule or school.
- Changing from mandatory to voluntary the requirement for
the display or offer of a voter registration application
at each location.