

Bill No. SB 718

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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Ethics and Elections

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to election administration;  
3           amending s. 98.093, F.S.; modifying the  
4           procedures for removing the names of deceased  
5           voters from the statewide voter registration  
6           system; repealing s. 101.23, F.S., relating to  
7           polling place procedures; amending s. 101.043,  
8           F.S.; transferring a requirement that poll  
9           workers prevent double voting; amending s.  
10          101.131, F.S.; transferring a requirement that  
11          poll watchers have access to certain  
12          information about electors; providing an  
13          effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 98.093, Florida  
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           98.093 Duty of officials to furnish lists of deceased  
20 persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated, and  
21 persons convicted of a felony.--

22           (3) Nothing in this section shall limit or restrict  
23 the supervisor in his or her duty to remove the names of  
24 persons from the statewide voter registration system utilizing  
25 the procedures set forth in ~~pursuant to~~ s. 98.075(7) based  
26 upon information received from other sources; however, with  
27 regard to a deceased voter, the supervisor shall remove the  
28 elector's name after verification of information received from  
29 other sources.

30           Section 2. Section 101.23, Florida Statutes, is  
31 repealed.

1           Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 101.043, Florida  
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3           101.043 Identification required at polls.--

4           (1) The precinct register, as prescribed in s. 98.461,  
5 shall be used at the polls for the purpose of identifying the  
6 elector at the polls prior to allowing him or her to vote. The  
7 clerk or inspector shall require each elector, upon entering  
8 the polling place, to present one of the following current and  
9 valid picture identifications:

10           (a) Florida driver's license.

11           (b) Florida identification card issued by the  
12 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

13           (c) United States passport.

14           (d) Employee badge or identification.

15           (e) Buyer's club identification.

16           (f) Debit or credit card.

17           (g) Military identification.

18           (h) Student identification.

19           (i) Retirement center identification.

20           (j) Neighborhood association identification.

21           (k) Public assistance identification.

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23 If the picture identification does not contain the signature  
24 of the voter, an additional identification that provides the  
25 voter's signature shall be required. The elector shall sign  
26 his or her name in the space provided on the precinct register  
27 or on an electronic device provided for recording the voter's  
28 signature. The clerk or inspector shall compare the signature  
29 with that on the identification provided by the elector and  
30 enter his or her initials in the space provided on the  
31 precinct register or on an electronic device provided for that

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1 purpose and allow the elector to vote if the clerk or  
2 inspector is satisfied as to the identity of the elector. The  
3 clerk or inspector shall prevent any person from voting a  
4 second time when they have reason to believe that the person  
5 has voted.

6 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 101.131, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 101.131 Watchers at polls.--

9 (1) Each political party and each candidate may have  
10 one watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any  
11 one time during the election. A political committee formed for  
12 the specific purpose of expressly advocating the passage or  
13 defeat of an issue on the ballot may have one watcher for each  
14 polling room or early voting area at any one time during the  
15 election. No watcher shall be permitted to come closer to the  
16 officials' table or the voting booths than is reasonably  
17 necessary to properly perform his or her functions, but each  
18 shall be allowed within the polling room or early voting area  
19 to watch and observe the conduct of electors and officials. In  
20 addition, poll watchers designated and appointed pursuant to  
21 this subsection may inspect the precinct register or  
22 electronic poll book during regular voting hours, except that  
23 the election inspector may regulate access to the register or  
24 electronic poll book so as to ensure that such inspection does  
25 not unreasonably interfere with the orderly operation of the  
26 polling place. The poll watchers shall furnish their own  
27 materials and necessities and shall not obstruct the orderly  
28 conduct of any election. The poll watchers shall pose any  
29 questions regarding polling place procedures directly to the  
30 clerk for resolution. They may not interact with voters. Each  
31 poll watcher shall be a qualified and registered elector of

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1 the county in which he or she serves.

2 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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