

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

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
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1 | poll watcher shall be a qualified and registered elector of
2 | the county in which he or she serves.

3 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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5 | STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
6 | COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
7 | Senate Bill 718

8 | Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 718 modifies the
9 | procedures for removing the names of deceased voters from the
10 | statewide voter registration system. The bill repeals section
11 | 101.23, F.S. The bill transfers from section 101.23, F.S., to
12 | section 101.043, F.S., the ability of certain polling place
13 | officials to prevent persons from voting a second time when
14 | there is reason to believe that the person has already cast a
15 | ballot. The bill also transfers the ability of poll watchers
16 | to inspect the poll list during regular voting hours from
17 | section 101.23, F.S., to section 101.131, F.S., and amends
18 | this requirement to allow poll watchers to inspect the
19 | precinct register or electronic poll book during regular
20 | voting hours.
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