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The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations (Webster) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 25, between lines 27 & 28,

insert:

Section 20. Effective August 1, 2007, subsections (1)
and (3) of section 100.371, Florida Statutes, are amended,
present subsection (6) of that section is renumbered as
subsection (7) and amended, and a new subsection (6) is added
to that section, to read:

100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on
ballot.--

(1) Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative
shall be placed on the ballot for the general election,
provided the initiative petition has been filed with the
Secretary of State no later than February 1 of the year the
general election is held. A petition shall be deemed to be
filed with the Secretary of State upon the date the secretary
determines that valid and verified ~~the~~ petition forms have ~~has~~

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1 | been signed by the constitutionally required number and
2 | distribution of electors under this code, subject to the right
3 | of revocation established in this section.

4 | (3) Each signature shall be dated when made and shall
5 | be valid for a period of 4 years following such date, provided
6 | all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall
7 | submit signed and dated forms to the appropriate supervisor of
8 | elections for verification as to the number of registered
9 | electors whose valid signatures appear thereon. The supervisor
10 | shall promptly verify the signatures within 30 days of receipt
11 | of the petition forms and upon payment of the fee required by
12 | s. 99.097. The supervisor shall promptly record ~~each valid~~
13 | ~~signature~~ in the statewide voter registration system, in the
14 | manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, the date each
15 | form is received by the supervisor and the date the signature
16 | on the form is verified as valid. The supervisor may verify
17 | that the signature on a form is valid only if:

18 | (a) The form contains the original signature of the
19 | purported elector.

20 | (b) The purported elector has accurately recorded on
21 | the form the date on which he or she signed the form.

22 | (c) The date the elector signed the form, as recorded
23 | by the elector, is no more than 30 days before the date the
24 | form is received by the supervisor of elections.

25 | (d) The form accurately sets forth the purported
26 | elector's name, street address, county, and voter registration
27 | number or date of birth.

28 | (e) The purported elector is, at the time he or she
29 | signs the form, a duly qualified and registered elector
30 | authorized to vote in the county in which his or her signature
31 | is submitted.

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The supervisor shall retain the signature forms for at least 1 year following the election in which the issue appeared on the ballot or until the Division of Elections notifies the supervisors of elections that the committee which circulated the petition is no longer seeking to obtain ballot position.

(6)(a) An elector's signature on a petition form may be revoked by submitting to the appropriate supervisor of elections a signed petition-revocation form adopted by rule for this purpose by the division.

(b) The petition-revocation form and the manner in which signatures are obtained, submitted, and verified shall be subject to the same relevant requirements and timeframes as the corresponding petition form and processes under this code and shall be approved by the Secretary of State before any signature on a petition-revocation form is obtained.

(c) Supervisors of elections shall provide petition-revocation forms to the public at all main and branch offices.

(d) The petition-revocation form shall be filed with the supervisor of elections by February 1 preceding the next general election or, if the initiative amendment is not certified for ballot position in that election, by February 1 preceding the next successive general election. The supervisor of elections shall promptly verify the signature on the petition-revocation form and process such revocation upon payment, in advance, of a fee of 10 cents or the actual cost of verifying such signature, whichever is less. The supervisor shall promptly record each valid and verified petition-revocation form in the statewide voter registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

