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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to student voter education; encouraging
3 district school boards and county supervisors of elections
4 jointly to provide a program of voter education for high
5 school seniors; providing guidelines for the content of
6 the educational program; requiring that the program of
7 voter education be conducted during school hours;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. (1) Each district school board and county
13 supervisor of elections shall cooperate to provide voter
14 education to high school students who are in grade 12. The voter
15 education shall be in the form of a presentation and is voluntary
16 for public high schools and nonpublic high schools. Each
17 supervisor of elections shall conduct the presentation for the
18 public high schools and, upon request, for the nonpublic high
19 schools.

20 (2) The voter education must include information
21 concerning:

22 (a) How to register to vote and preregister.

23 (b) The operation of voting machines.

24 (c) How, when, and where to vote.

25 (d) The importance of voting.

26 (3) The voter-education program must provide students with
27 the opportunity, sufficient information, and sufficient time to
28 complete and hand in to the supervisor of elections applications
29 for voter registration.

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30 (4) The voter-education program shall be conducted during
31 school hours each term of the school year in order to reach a
32 maximum number of students in the most effective and efficient
33 manner.

34 (5) A student may not be excluded from the voter-education
35 program due to an irregular class schedule, and students enrolled
36 in a magnet school must be provided voter education.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.