

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to student voter education; requiring  
 3           district school boards and county supervisors of elections  
 4           to cooperate to provide a program of voter education for  
 5           high school seniors; providing guidelines for the content  
 6           of 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  
 16 voluntary for public high schools and nonpublic high schools.  
 17 Each supervisor of elections shall conduct the presentation for  
 18 the public high schools and, upon request, for the nonpublic  
 19 high 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

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29 for voter registration.

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  
36 enrolled in a magnet school must be provided voter education.

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