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Senate

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Senator Aronberg moved the following **amendment**:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 1146 and 1147,

insert:

Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 101.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.151 Specifications for ballots.--

(2) (a) The ballot shall have headings under which shall appear the names of the offices and the names of the candidates for the respective offices in the following order: the heading "President and Vice President" and thereunder the names of the candidates for President and Vice President of the United States nominated by the political party that received the highest vote for Governor in the last general election of the Governor in this state. Then shall appear the names of other candidates for President and Vice President of the United States who have been



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18 properly nominated. Then shall follow the heading "Congressional"
19 and thereunder the offices of United States Senator and
20 Representative in Congress; then the heading "State" and
21 thereunder the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
22 Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of
23 Agriculture, state attorney, and public defender, together with
24 the names of the candidates for each office and the title of the
25 office which they seek; then the heading "Legislative" and
26 thereunder the offices of state senator and state representative;
27 then the heading "County" and thereunder clerk of the circuit
28 court, clerk of the county court (when authorized by law),
29 sheriff, property appraiser, tax collector, district
30 superintendent of schools, and supervisor of elections.
31 Thereafter follows: members of the board of county commissioners,
32 and such other county and district offices as are involved in the
33 election, in the order fixed by the Department of State,
34 followed, in the year of their election, by "Party Offices," and
35 thereunder the offices of state and county party executive
36 committee members. In a general election, in addition to the
37 names printed on the ballot, a blank space shall be provided
38 under each heading for an office for which a write-in candidate
39 has qualified. With respect to write-in candidates, if two or
40 more candidates are seeking election to one office, only one
41 blank space shall be provided. However, if all party candidates
42 for a particular office share the same party affiliation, and if
43 a write-in candidate for that office has the same party
44 affiliation as those party candidates, a blank space must be
45 placed on the primary ballot instead of the general election
46 ballot. If two or more write-in candidates seek election for an
47 office and each write-in candidate has the same party affiliation



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48 | as all party candidates for that office, only one blank space may
49 | be provided on the primary ballot.

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51 | And the title is amended as follows:

52 | On line(s) 56, after the first semicolon,
53 | insert:

54 | amending s. 101.151, F.S.; requiring that a blank space be
55 | placed on the primary ballot instead of the general
56 | election ballot under certain circumstances; providing
57 | that only one blank space may be provided on the primary
58 | ballot under certain circumstances;