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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to specifications for ballots;
amending s. 101.151, F.S.; requiring that each ballot
include a selection allowing the voter to indicate
that he or she chooses not to vote for any candidate;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (8) of section 101.151, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (9), and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

101.151 Specifications for ballots.-

(8) For each office on the ballot, in addition to the names of candidates or a blank space for a write-in candidate, the ballot must include a selection stating "I choose not to vote."

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.