

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Senator Garcia moved the following:

## Senate Amendment to Amendment (927562) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 1342 - 1355 and insert:

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- (9) ELECTIONS; BOARD MEMBER CERTIFICATION.—
- (a) Elections of directors must be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the governing documents of the association. All members of the association are <del>shall be</del> eligible to serve on the board of directors, and a member may nominate himself or herself as a candidate for the board at a meeting where the election is to be held or, if the election process allows voting by absentee ballot, in advance of the



balloting. Except as otherwise provided in the governing documents, boards of directors must be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by eligible voters. Any election dispute between a member and an association must be submitted to mandatory binding arbitration with the division. Such proceedings shall be conducted in the manner provided in s. 720.507 by s. 718.1255 and the procedural rules adopted by the division.

(b) Within 90 days after being elected to the board, each newly elected director shall certify in writing to the secretary of the association that he or she has read the association's declarations of covenants and restrictions, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and current written policies; that he or she will work to uphold such documents and policies to the best of his or her ability; and that he or she will faithfully discharge his or her fiduciary responsibility to the association's members. Failure to timely file the written certification automatically disqualifies the director from service on the board. The secretary shall cause the association to retain a director's written certification for inspection by the members for 5 years after a director's election. Failure to have such written certification on file does not affect the validity of any appropriate action.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 1948

and insert:

requirements for secret ballots; requiring newly elected board members to certify that he or she has or



| 43 | will perform certain activities; requiring the      |
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| 44 | secretary of the association to retain a director's |
| 45 | certification; creating s. 720.315.                 |