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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Kiar offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 1437-1491 and insert:

5 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 101.6103, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 101.6103 Mail ballot election procedure.--

8 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7), the
9 supervisor of elections shall mail all official ballots with a
10 secrecy envelope, a return mailing envelope, and instructions
11 sufficient to describe the voting process to each elector
12 entitled to vote in the election not sooner than the 20th day
13 before the election and not later than the 10th day before the
14 date of the election. All such ballots shall be mailed by first-
15 class mail. The return mailing envelope must include a postage
16 paid indicia paid by the supervisor. Ballots shall be addressed

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17 to each elector at the address appearing in the registration
18 records and placed in an envelope which is prominently marked
19 "Do Not Forward."

20 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 101.64, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
22 section, to read:

23 101.64 Delivery of absentee ballots; envelopes; form.--

24 (2) The certificate shall be arranged on the back of the
25 mailing envelope so that the line for the signature of the
26 absent elector is across the seal of the envelope; however, no
27 statement shall appear on the envelope which indicates that a
28 signature of the voter must cross the seal of the envelope. The
29 absent elector shall execute the certificate on the envelope.
30 The supervisor may not place on the mailing envelope any
31 information indicating the voter's party affiliation or no-
32 party-affiliation status.

33 (5) The mailing envelope for each absentee ballot must
34 include a postage paid indicia paid by the supervisor.

35 Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 101.657, Florida
36 Statutes, is amended to read:

37 101.657 Early voting.--

38 (1)(a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of
39 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or
40 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,
41 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for
42 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used
43 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the
44 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for
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45 at least 1 year before ~~prior to~~ the election.

46 (b) The supervisor may also designate any city hall or
47 permanent public library facility as an early voting site. To
48 the extent practicable sites; ~~however, if so designated, the~~
49 designated ~~the~~ sites must be geographically located so as to
50 provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a
51 ballot, ~~insofar as is practicable. The results or tabulation of~~
52 ~~votes cast during early voting may not be made before the close~~
53 ~~of the polls on election day. Results shall be reported by~~
54 ~~precinct.~~

55 (c) ~~(b)~~ The supervisor shall designate each early voting
56 site by no later than the 60th ~~30th~~ day before a primary ~~prior~~
57 ~~to an~~ election and shall designate an early voting area, as
58 defined in s. 97.021, at each early voting site. The supervisor
59 shall designate an adequate number of early voting sites such
60 that the approximate waiting time for an elector to vote at any
61 site does not exceed 15 minutes. Early voting sites for the
62 general election shall be held at the same sites designated for
63 a primary election.

64 (d) ~~(e)~~ All early voting sites in a county shall be open on
65 the same days for the same amount of time and shall allow any
66 person in line at the closing of an early voting site to vote.

67 (e) ~~(d)~~ Early voting shall begin at 7 a.m. on the 15th day
68 before an election and end at 9 p.m. on the ~~2nd~~ day before an
69 election. For purposes of a special election held pursuant to s.
70 100.101, early voting shall begin at 7 a.m. on the 8th day
71 before an election and end at 9 p.m. on the ~~2nd~~ day before an
72 election. Early voting shall be provided each day ~~for 8 hours~~

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73 ~~per weekday and 8 hours in the aggregate each weekend at each~~
74 ~~site during the applicable periods. Early voting sites shall~~
75 ~~open at no sooner than 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. no later than~~
76 ~~7 p.m. on each applicable day. Early voting hours and days may~~
77 be

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80 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

81 Remove lines 164-173 and insert:

82 amending s. 101.6103, F.S.; requiring return mailing envelopes
83 for mail ballots to include postage paid indicia paid by the
84 supervisor; amending s. 101.64, F.S.; prohibiting a supervisor
85 from placing certain information on a mailing envelope
86 containing an absentee ballot; requiring mailing envelopes for
87 absentee ballots to include postage paid indicia paid by the
88 supervisor; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; requiring that a
89 supervisor designate each early voting site no later than a
90 specified number of days before a primary election; requiring
91 the supervisor to designate an adequate number of early voting
92 sites to limit waiting times for voting; requiring that early
93 voting sites for a general election be held at the same sites
94 designated for a primary election; revising days and hours for
95 opening and closing of early voting sites; authorizing the