

HB 407

2010

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student voter education; providing for
3 a voter-education program; requiring that each district
4 school board and county supervisor of elections jointly
5 provide the program for high school students who are
6 eligible to register or preregister to vote; requiring
7 that such education consist of a mandatory presentation
8 made by the supervisor of elections to public high school
9 students who are eligible to register or preregister to
10 vote; requiring that the presentation be made available to
11 nonpublic high schools upon request; providing guidelines
12 for the content of the program; requiring that the program
13 be conducted during school hours and at least once each
14 term of the school year; prohibiting the exclusion of any
15 student who is eligible to register or preregister to
16 vote; requiring that the voter-education program be
17 provided to students enrolled in a magnet school;
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. (1) Each district school board and county
23 supervisor of elections shall cooperate to provide voter
24 education to high school students who are eligible to register
25 or preregister to vote. The voter-education program shall
26 consist of a mandatory presentation to the students and be made
27 available to nonpublic high schools upon their request. Each
28 supervisor of elections shall conduct the presentation.

29 (2) The presentation must include information concerning:

30 (a) How to register to vote and preregister.

31 (b) The operation of voting machines.

32 (c) When and where to vote.

33 (d) The process of voting, including voter identification
 34 requirements.

35 (e) The importance of voting.

36 (3) The voter-education program must provide students with
 37 sufficient information and time to complete and hand in to the
 38 supervisor of elections applications for voter registration.

39 (4) The voter-education program shall be conducted during
 40 school hours and at least once each term of the school year in
 41 order to reach a maximum number of students in the most
 42 effective and efficient manner.

43 (5) A student who is eligible to register or preregister
 44 to vote may not be excluded from the voter-education program.

45 (6) The voter-education program must be provided to
 46 students enrolled in a magnet school in accordance with this
 47 section.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.