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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

Representative Randolph offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 2053 and 2054, insert:

Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.657 Early voting.—

(1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark, code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also designate any city hall, or permanent public library facility, 394629

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or any other facility open to the public as early voting sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable. The results or tabulation of votes cast during early voting may not be made before the close of the polls on election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

- (b) The supervisor shall designate each early voting site by no later than the 30th day prior to an election and shall designate an early voting area, as defined in s. 97.021, at each early voting site.
- (c) All early voting sites in a county shall be open on the same days for the same amount of time and shall allow any person in line at the closing of an early voting site to vote.
- (d) Early voting shall begin on the 15th day before an election and end on the 2nd day before an election. For purposes of a special election held pursuant to s. 100.101, early voting shall begin on the 8th day before an election and end on the 2nd day before an election. Early voting shall be provided for 8 hours each day per weekday and 8 hours in the aggregate each weekend at each site during the applicable periods. Early voting sites shall open no sooner than 7 a.m. and close no later than 7 p.m. on each applicable day.
- (e) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 100.3605, municipalities may provide early voting in municipal elections that are not held in conjunction with county or state elections. If a municipality provides early voting, it may designate as many sites as necessary and shall conduct its activities in 394629

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accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a)-(c). The supervisor is not required to conduct early voting if it is provided pursuant to this subsection.

(f) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 189.405, special districts may provide early voting in any district election not held in conjunction with county or state elections. If a special district provides early voting, it may designate as many sites as necessary and shall conduct its activities in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a)-(c). The supervisor is not required to conduct early voting if it is provided pursuant to this subsection.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Between lines 167 and 168, insert:

s. 101.657, F.S.; removing conditions precedent to the use of a supervisor's branch office for early voting; expanding the facilities that may be designated as early voting sites; revising the hours and days provided for early voting; amending