

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to voting methods and procedure; amending
 3 s. 101.6952, F.S.; permitting absent uniformed services
 4 voters or overseas voters to use the Official Federal
 5 Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote in any federal, state, or
 6 local election; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 101.6952, Florida Statutes, is amended
 11 to read:

12 101.6952 Absentee ballots for absent uniformed services
 13 and overseas voters.—

14 (1) If an absent uniformed services voter's or an overseas
 15 voter's request for an absentee ballot includes an e-mail
 16 address, the supervisor of elections shall:

17 (a) Record the voter's e-mail address in the absentee
 18 ballot record;

19 (b) Confirm by e-mail that the absentee ballot request was
 20 received and include in that e-mail the estimated date the
 21 absentee ballot will be sent to the voter; and

22 (c) Notify the voter by e-mail when the voted absentee
 23 ballot is received by the supervisor of elections.

24 (2) For absentee ballots received from absent uniformed
 25 services voters or overseas voters, there is a presumption that
 26 the envelope was mailed on the date stated on the outside of the
 27 return envelope, regardless of the absence of a postmark on the
 28 mailed envelope or the existence of a postmark date that is

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29 | later than the date of the election.

30 | (3) An absent uniformed services voter or an overseas
31 | voter may vote in any federal, state, or local election by using
32 | the Official Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Standard Form
33 | 186A), provided through the Federal Voting Assistance Program,
34 | or any other similar ballot provided for such voters to use in
35 | federal elections.

36 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.