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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to envelopes used to conceal the  
3           voter's choices; amending s. 101.5603, F.S.;  
4           redefining the term "secrecy envelope" to include a  
5           device marked with a tinted pattern on the inside;  
6           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 101.5603, Florida Statutes, is amended  
11           to read:

12           101.5603   Definitions relating to Electronic Voting Systems  
13           Act.—As used in this act, the term:

14           (1)   "Automatic tabulating equipment" includes apparatus  
15           necessary to automatically examine, count, and record votes.

16           (2)   "Ballot" means the card, tape, or other vehicle upon  
17           which the elector's choices are recorded.

18           (3)   "Ballot information" means the material containing the  
19           names of offices and candidates and the questions to be voted  
20           on.

21           (4)   "Electronic or electromechanical voting system" means  
22           a system of casting votes by use of voting devices or marking  
23           devices and counting ballots by employing automatic tabulating  
24           equipment or data processing equipment, and the term includes  
25           touchscreen systems.

26           (5)   "Marking device" means any approved device for marking  
27           a ballot with ink or other substance which will enable the  
28           ballot to be tabulated by means of automatic tabulating

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29 equipment.

30 (6) "Secrecy envelope" means an opaque device or a device  
31 marked with a tinted pattern on the inside, used for enclosing a  
32 marked ballot, which conceals the voter's choices.

33 (7) "Software" means the programs and routines used to  
34 employ and control the capabilities of data processing hardware,  
35 including, without limitation, operating systems, compilers,  
36 assemblers, utilities, library routines, maintenance routines,  
37 applications, and computer networking programs.

38 (8) "Voting device" means an apparatus by which votes are  
39 registered electronically.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.