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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 a
22 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
29 equipment.

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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.