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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to elections; requiring a supervisor  
3 of elections to submit an election preparation report  
4 to the Secretary of State before a specified period  
5 prior to a general election; specifying the content of  
6 the report; requiring the Division of Elections of the  
7 Department of State to develop standards for measuring  
8 the performance of a supervisor of elections;  
9 requiring the publication of those reports; requiring  
10 the department to develop contract provision  
11 recommendations for supervisors of elections;  
12 establishing requirements; providing an effective  
13 date.

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

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17 Section 1. A supervisor of elections shall submit a report  
18 to the Secretary of State at least 3 months before a general  
19 election that outlines preparations for the upcoming general  
20 election. The report must include, at a minimum, the anticipated  
21 staffing levels of personnel during the early voting period, on  
22 election day, and after election day and the anticipated amount  
23 of automatic tabulating equipment that will be used at each  
24 early voting site and polling place.

25 Section 2. The Department of State shall work with  
26 supervisors of elections to establish performance standards to  
27 evaluate how successfully a supervisor conducts an election.  
28 After an election cycle, the Division of Elections shall

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29 evaluate each supervisor's performance and assign a letter grade  
30 of "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" for that supervisor. The  
31 supervisors' grades shall be published on the division's  
32 website.

33 Section 3. The Department of State shall develop  
34 recommendations for supervisors of elections to assist a  
35 supervisor in negotiating contract provisions with a voting  
36 equipment vendor. The provisions shall include suggested time  
37 frames for a vendor to set up and test equipment before an  
38 election, the availability of a vendor to provide technical  
39 assistance to a supervisor during an early voting period and on  
40 the day of an election, as well as penalties for a vendor who  
41 fails to meet the terms of a contract.

42 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.