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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to presidential electors; amending s.  
3 103.011, F.S.; revising the manner in which  
4 presidential electors are elected; providing that one  
5 presidential elector shall be elected from each  
6 congressional district and two electors shall be  
7 elected at large; providing for certification by the  
8 Department of State; amending s. 103.021, F.S.;  
9 providing that the Governor shall designate which  
10 electors are by district and which electors are at  
11 large as recommended and designated by the state  
12 executive committee of the respective political party;  
13 amending s. 103.051, F.S.; providing how presidential  
14 electors shall cast their ballots; amending s.  
15 103.091, F.S.; requiring the state executive committee  
16 of a political party to provide by resolution a  
17 selection method for presidential electors; providing  
18 an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 103.011, Florida Statutes, is amended  
23 to read:

24 103.011 Electors of President and Vice President.—Electors  
25 of President and Vice President, known as presidential electors,  
26 shall be elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in

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27 November of each year the number of which is a multiple of 4.  
28 Votes cast for the actual candidates for President and Vice  
29 President shall be counted as votes cast for the presidential  
30 electors supporting such candidates. One presidential elector  
31 shall be elected from each congressional district and two  
32 presidential electors shall be elected at large. The Department  
33 of State shall certify as elected the two presidential electors  
34 at large of the candidates for President and Vice President who  
35 receive the highest number of votes in a majority of the  
36 congressional districts and each presidential elector of the  
37 candidates for President and Vice President who receives the  
38 highest number of votes in the respective congressional  
39 district.

40 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 103.021, Florida  
41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 103.021 Nomination for presidential electors.—Candidates  
43 for presidential electors shall be nominated in the following  
44 manner:

45 (1) The Governor shall nominate the presidential electors  
46 of each political party. The state executive committee of each  
47 political party shall by resolution recommend candidates for  
48 presidential electors and deliver a certified copy thereof to  
49 the Governor before September 1 of each presidential election  
50 year. The Governor shall nominate and designate as at large or  
51 by district only the electors recommended and so designated by  
52 the state executive committee of the respective political party.

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53 Each such elector shall be a qualified elector of the party he  
54 or she represents who has taken an oath that he or she will vote  
55 for the candidates of the party that he or she is nominated to  
56 represent. The Governor shall certify to the Department of State  
57 on or before September 1, in each presidential election year,  
58 the names of a number of electors for each political party equal  
59 to the number of senators and representatives that ~~which~~ this  
60 state has in Congress and shall indicate which electors are at  
61 large and which electors are for each congressional district.

62 Section 3. Section 103.051, Florida Statutes, is amended  
63 to read:

64 103.051 Congress sets meeting dates of electors.—The  
65 presidential electors shall, on the day that is directed by  
66 Congress and at the time fixed by the Governor, meet at  
67 Tallahassee and perform the duties required of them by the  
68 Constitution and laws of the United States. The presidential  
69 electors at large shall cast their ballots for the candidates  
70 for President and Vice President who received the highest number  
71 of votes in a majority of the congressional districts. The  
72 presidential electors of the congressional districts shall each  
73 cast their ballot for the candidates for President and Vice  
74 President who received the highest number of votes in their  
75 respective congressional district.

76 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 103.091, Florida  
77 Statutes, is amended to read:

78 103.091 Political parties.—

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79 | (2) The state executive committee of a political party may  
80 | by resolution provide a method of election of national  
81 | committeemen and national committeewomen and shall by resolution  
82 | provide a method of selection ~~nomination~~ of presidential  
83 | electors, if such party is entitled to a place on the ballot as  
84 | otherwise provided for presidential electors, and may provide  
85 | also for the election of delegates and alternates to national  
86 | conventions.

87 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.