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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; requiring that one
5 presidential elector be elected from each
6 congressional district and that two additional
7 electors be elected at large; providing for
8 certification of electors by the Department of State;
9 amending s. 103.021, F.S.; requiring the Governor to
10 designate at large electors and electors who represent
11 the respective Congressional districts, as recommended
12 by the state executive committee of the respective
13 political parties; amending s. 103.051, F.S.;
14 specifying how presidential electors must cast their
15 ballots; amending s. 103.091, F.S.; requiring the
16 state executive committee of a political party to
17 provide by resolution a selection method for
18 presidential electors; providing 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 to
23 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
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

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30 electors supporting such candidates. One presidential elector
31 shall be elected from each congressional district and two
32 additional presidential electors shall be elected at large. The
33 Department of State shall certify as elected:

34 (a) The two presidential electors at large ~~of the~~
35 ~~candidates for President and Vice President~~ who receive the
36 highest number of votes in a majority of the congressional
37 districts; and

38 (b) The presidential elector nominated and designated as
39 representing a congressional district who receives the highest
40 number of votes in his or her respective congressional district.

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

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

46 (1) The Governor shall nominate the presidential electors
47 of each political party. The state executive committee of each
48 political party shall ~~by resolution~~ recommend candidates for
49 presidential electors by resolution and shall deliver a
50 certified copy of the resolution ~~thereof~~ to the Governor before
51 September 1 of each presidential election year. The Governor
52 shall nominate and designate as at large or by congressional
53 district only the electors recommended by resolution of ~~by~~ the
54 state executive committee of the respective political parties
55 ~~party~~. Each such elector must ~~shall~~ be a qualified elector of
56 the party he or she represents and must have ~~who has~~ taken an
57 oath that he or she will vote for the candidates of the party
58 that he or she is nominated to represent. On or before September

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59 1 of each presidential election year, the Governor shall certify
60 to the Department of State ~~on or before September 1, in each~~
61 ~~presidential election year,~~ the names of the a number of
62 electors for each political party equal to the number of
63 senators and representatives that which this state has in
64 Congress and shall indicate which electors are at large and
65 which electors are for each congressional district.

66 Section 3. Section 103.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to
67 read:

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

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

82 103.091 Political parties.—

83 (2) The state executive committee of a political party may
84 by resolution provide a method of election of national
85 committeemen and national committeewomen and shall by resolution
86 provide a method of selection ~~nomination~~ of presidential
87 electors, if such party is entitled to a place on the ballot as

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88 otherwise provided for presidential electors, and also may
89 provide ~~also~~ for the election of delegates and alternates to
90 national conventions.

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