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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Soto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 272 and 273

insert:

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.657 Early voting.—

(1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,



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11 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for
12 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used
13 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the
14 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for
15 at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also
16 designate any city hall, permanent public library facility,
17 fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission
18 building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior
19 center, ~~or~~ government-owned community center, Florida College
20 System institution facility, state university facility, or
21 college facility as early voting sites; however, if so
22 designated, the sites must be geographically located so as to
23 provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a
24 ballot, insofar as is practicable. In addition, a supervisor may
25 designate one early voting site per election in an area of the
26 county that does not have any of the eligible early voting
27 locations. Such additional early voting site must be
28 geographically located so as to provide all voters in that area
29 with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is
30 practicable. Each county shall, at a minimum, operate the same
31 total number of early voting sites for a general election which
32 the county operated for the 2012 general election. The results
33 or tabulation of votes cast during early voting may not be made
34 before the close of the polls on election day. Results shall be
35 reported by precinct.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 21



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40 and insert:
41 met; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; revising the list of
42 permissible sites available for early voting; amending
43 s. 101.68, F.S.; revising instructions