

HB 135

2015

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.053,
3 F.S.; authorizing a high school principal to accept
4 voter registration applications from students during
5 the school year and exempting the principal's
6 acceptance of such applications from third-party voter
7 registration requirements; amending s. 101.043, F.S.;
8 revising the list of authorized methods for
9 identifying an elector at a polling place; amending s.
10 102.031, F.S.; specifying that voters standing in line
11 at a polling place are included within a no-
12 solicitation zone; amending s. 104.051, F.S.;
13 providing criminal penalties for a poll watcher to
14 influence or interfere with an elector voting a
15 ballot; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 97.053, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

22 (1) Voter registration applications, changes in
23 registration, and requests for a replacement voter information
24 card must be accepted in the office of any supervisor, the
25 division, a driver license office, a voter registration agency,
26 or an armed forces recruitment office when hand delivered by the

27 applicant or a third party during the hours that office is open
 28 or when mailed. A high school principal may accept voter
 29 registration applications from students during the school year
 30 in his or her office, and the principal's acceptance of such
 31 voter registration applications is exempt from s. 97.0575.

32 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 101.043, Florida
 33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 101.043 Identification required at polls.—

35 (1)(a) The precinct register, as prescribed in s. 98.461,
 36 shall be used at the polls for the purpose of identifying the
 37 elector at the polls before allowing him or her to vote. The
 38 clerk or inspector shall require each elector, upon entering the
 39 polling place, to present one of the following current and valid
 40 picture identifications:

- 41 1. Florida driver license.
- 42 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of
- 43 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- 44 3. United States passport or passport card.
- 45 4. Debit or credit card.
- 46 5. Military identification.
- 47 6. Student identification.
- 48 7. Retirement center identification.
- 49 ~~8. Neighborhood association identification.~~
- 50 8.9. Public assistance identification.
- 51 9. United States Department of Veterans Affairs veteran
- 52 health identification card.

53 10. Florida concealed weapon permit as defined in s.
54 790.06.

55 (b) If the picture identification does not contain the
56 signature of the elector, an additional identification that
57 provides the elector's signature shall be required. The address
58 appearing on the identification presented by the elector may not
59 be used as the basis to confirm an elector's legal residence or
60 otherwise challenge an elector's legal residence. The elector
61 shall sign his or her name in the space provided on the precinct
62 register or on an electronic device provided for recording the
63 elector's signature. The clerk or inspector shall compare the
64 signature with that on the identification provided by the
65 elector and enter his or her initials in the space provided on
66 the precinct register or on an electronic device provided for
67 that purpose and allow the elector to vote if the clerk or
68 inspector is satisfied as to the identity of the elector.

69 (c) When an elector presents his or her picture
70 identification to the clerk or inspector and the elector's
71 address on the picture identification matches the elector's
72 address in the supervisor's records, the elector may not be
73 asked to provide additional information or to recite his or her
74 home address.

75 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
76 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

77 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;
78 persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas;

79 unlawful solicitation of voters.—

80 (4) (a) No person, political committee, or other group or
81 organization may solicit voters inside or standing in line at
82 the polling place or within 100 feet of the entrance to any
83 polling place, a polling room where the polling place is also a
84 polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the
85 supervisor of elections where absentee ballots are requested and
86 printed on demand for the convenience of electors who appear in
87 person to request them. Before the opening of the polling place
88 or early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate
89 the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.

90 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 104.051, Florida
91 Statutes, is amended to read:

92 104.051 Violations; neglect of duty; corrupt practices.—

93 (4) Any supervisor, deputy supervisor, poll watcher as
94 described in s. 101.131, or election employee who attempts to
95 influence or interfere with any elector voting a ballot commits
96 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
97 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

98 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.