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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to election reform; amending s.
3 97.021, F.S.; defining the term "address of legal
4 residence"; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring a
5 voter registration application to include certain
6 additional distinguishing information; amending s.
7 98.015, F.S.; providing that a list of valid addresses
8 maintained by a supervisor of elections include
9 certain additional distinguishing information;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsections (3) through (44) of section 97.021,
15 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through
16 (45), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that
17 section, to read:

18 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
19 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

20 (3) "Address of legal residence" means the legal
21 residential address of the elector and includes all information
22 necessary to differentiate one residence from another,
23 including, but not limited to, a distinguishing apartment,
24 suite, lot, room, or dormitory room number or other identifier.

25 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
26 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

28 (5) (a) A voter registration application is complete if it
29 contains the following information necessary to establish the

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30 applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:

31 1. The applicant's name.

32 2. The applicant's address of legal residence, including a
33 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room
34 number or other identifier, if appropriate ~~address~~.

35 3. The applicant's date of birth.

36 4. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant is a
37 citizen of the United States.

38 5.a. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver
39 license number or the identification number from a Florida
40 identification card issued under s. 322.051, or

41 b. If the applicant has not been issued a current and valid
42 Florida driver license or a Florida identification card, the
43 last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

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45 In case an applicant has not been issued a current and valid
46 Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social
47 security number, the applicant shall affirm this fact in the
48 manner prescribed in the uniform statewide voter registration
49 application.

50 6. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has
51 not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, has had
52 his or her civil rights restored.

53 7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has
54 not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to
55 voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to
56 vote restored.

57 8. The original signature or a digital signature
58 transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor

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59 Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the
60 penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the
61 information contained in the registration application is true
62 and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the
63 State Constitution and s. 97.051.

64 Section 3. Subsection (12) of section 98.015, Florida
65 Statutes, is amended to read:

66 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of office,
67 compensation, custody of registration-related documents, office
68 hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy supervisors;
69 duties.-

70 (12) Each supervisor shall maintain a list of valid
71 residential street addresses for purposes of verifying the legal
72 addresses of voters residing in the supervisor's county. To the
73 maximum extent practicable, the list shall include information
74 necessary to differentiate one residence from another,
75 including, but not limited to, a distinguishing apartment,
76 suite, lot, room, or dormitory room number or other identifier.
77 The supervisor shall make all reasonable efforts to coordinate
78 with county 911 service providers, property appraisers, the
79 United States Postal Service, or other agencies as necessary to
80 ensure the continued accuracy of such list. The supervisor shall
81 provide the list of valid residential addresses to the statewide
82 voter registration system in the manner and frequency specified
83 by rule of the department.

84 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.