

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to addresses of legal residence;  
 3           amending s. 97.021, F.S.; defining the term "address  
 4           of legal residence"; amending ss. 97.053 and 97.057,  
 5           F.S.; requiring a voter registration application to  
 6           include the applicant's address of legal residence;  
 7           conforming a provision; amending s. 98.015, F.S.;  
 8           providing that a list of valid addresses maintained by  
 9           a supervisor of elections include certain additional  
 10          distinguishing information; providing an effective  
 11          date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15           Section 1. Subsections (3) through (44) of section 97.021,  
 16 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through  
 17 (45), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that  
 18 section to read:

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

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

26           Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section

27 | 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 |       97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

29 |       (5) (a) A voter registration application is complete if it  
30 | contains the following information necessary to establish the  
31 | applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:

32 |       1. The applicant's name.

33 |       2. The applicant's address of legal residence ~~address~~.

34 |       3. The applicant's date of birth.

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

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

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

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

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

52 |       7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has

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53 not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to  
54 voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to  
55 vote restored.

56 8. The original signature or a digital signature  
57 transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
58 Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the  
59 penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the  
60 information contained in the registration application is true  
61 and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the  
62 State Constitution and s. 97.051.

63 Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 97.057, Florida  
64 Statutes, is amended to read:

65 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
66 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

67 (10) The department shall provide the Department of  
68 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with an electronic database of  
69 street addresses valid for use as the address of legal residence  
70 ~~address~~ as required in s. 97.053(5). The Department of Highway  
71 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall compare the address provided by  
72 the applicant against the database of valid street addresses. If  
73 the address provided by the applicant does not match a valid  
74 street address in the database, the applicant will be asked to  
75 verify the address provided. The Department of Highway Safety  
76 and Motor Vehicles shall not reject any application for voter  
77 registration for which a valid match cannot be made.

78 Section 4. Subsection (12) of section 98.015, Florida

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79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of  
81 office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents,  
82 office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy  
83 supervisors; duties.—

84 (12) Each supervisor shall maintain a list of valid  
85 residential street addresses for purposes of verifying the legal  
86 addresses of voters residing in the supervisor's county. To the  
87 maximum extent practicable, the list shall include information  
88 necessary to differentiate one residence from another,  
89 including, but not limited to, a distinguishing apartment,  
90 suite, lot, room, or dormitory room number or other identifier.

91 The supervisor shall make all reasonable efforts to coordinate  
92 with county 911 service providers, property appraisers, the  
93 United States Postal Service, or other agencies as necessary to  
94 ensure the continued accuracy of such list. The supervisor shall  
95 provide the list of valid residential addresses to the statewide  
96 voter registration system in the manner and frequency specified  
97 by rule of the department.

98 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.