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Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Representative Ingoglia offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (4) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.-

10 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall, on behalf of the 11 county canvassing board, notify each elector whose ballot was 12 rejected as illegal, and provide the specific reason the ballot 13 was rejected, and if the ballot can be cured pursuant to this subsection, notify each elector of that process. The supervisor 14 15 shall make a good faith effort to notify the elector before the deadline in paragraph (b). The supervisor shall mail a voter 16 289189 - HB 105 Strike-All Amendment.docx Published On: 2/15/2017 6:26:28 PM

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17 registration application to the elector to be completed indicating the elector's current signature if the elector's 18 19 ballot was rejected due to a difference between the elector's 20 signature on the voter's certificate or vote-by-mail ballot 21 affidavit and the elector's signature in the registration books 22 or precinct register. This section does not prohibit the 23 supervisor from providing additional methods for updating an 24 elector's signature.

Until 5 p.m. on the day before an election, the 25 (b) 26 supervisor shall allow an elector who has returned a vote-by-27 mail ballot that does not include the elector's signature, or 28 that was rejected due to a difference between the elector's 29 signature on the voter's certificate or vote-by-mail ballot 30 affidavit and the elector's signature in the registration books or precinct register, to complete and submit an affidavit in 31 32 order to cure the unsigned vote-by-mail ballot. A vote-by-mail 33 ballot may only be counted if:

34 <u>1. The signature on the voter's certificate or the</u> 35 <u>affidavit matches the elector's signature in the registration</u> 36 <u>books or precinct register; however, in the case of an</u> 37 <u>affidavit, the supporting identification listed in paragraph</u> 38 <u>(d)3. of this subsection must also confirm the identity of the</u> 39 <u>elector; or</u> 40 <u>2. The affidavit contains a signature that does not match</u>

41 the elector's signature in the registration books or precinct 289189 - HB 105 Strike-All Amendment.docx Published On: 2/15/2017 6:26:28 PM

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42 register, but the elector has submitted current and valid 43 identification pursuant to paragraph (d) 3.a. which confirms the 44 identity of the <u>elector</u>. 45 Instructions must accompany the vote-by-mail ballot (d) 46 affidavit in substantially the following form: READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE 47 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR 48 49 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT. 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will 50 be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as 51 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of 52 53 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no 54 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day before the election. 55 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's 56 Signature). 57 You must make a copy of one of the following forms of 3. identification: 58 59 Current and valid identification that includes your a. 60 name and photograph: Florida driver license; Florida 61 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety 62 and Motor Vehicles; United States passport; debit or credit card; military identification; student identification; 63 retirement center identification; neighborhood association 64 identification; public assistance identification; veteran health 65 66 identification card issued by the United States Department of 289189 - HB 105 Strike-All Amendment.docx Published On: 2/15/2017 6:26:28 PM

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Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
or firearm; or an employee identification card issued by any
branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
the state, a county, or a municipality; or

b. Identification that shows your name and current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding voter identification card).

4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your identification in the mailing envelope. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and that the supervisor's address is correct.

5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as attachments.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.
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TITLE AMENDMENT
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91 An act relating to vote-by-mail ballots; amending s. 101.68, 92 F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections to notify each 93 elector whose vote-by-mail ballot has been rejected as illegal 94 of the existence of a cure process; requiring the supervisor of 95 elections to make a good faith effort to notify the elector by 5 p.m. the day before the election; requiring the supervisor to 96 allow submission of an affidavit to cure signature discrepancies 97 on a vote-by-mail ballot; clarifying procedures to be used by 98 the supervisor of elections in verifying an elector's signature; 99 specifying that a Florida driver license or Florida 100 identification card are acceptable forms of identification for 101 102 purposes of curing a vote-by-mail ballot; providing an effective 103 date.

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