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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to elections; amending s. 101.043,  
3       F.S.; removing the requirement that identification  
4       presented by an elector at the polls contain the  
5       elector's signature; prohibiting an election clerk or  
6       inspector from comparing the elector's signatures on  
7       the precinct register and the provided form of  
8       identification; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; revising  
9       requirements for Department of State rules regarding  
10      ballot layout; repealing s. 101.49, F.S., relating to  
11      procedures of election officers when an elector's  
12      signatures differ; amending s. 101.5608, F.S.;  
13      conforming a provision to changes made by the act;  
14      providing an effective date.

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

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18       Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
19      101.043, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20       101.043 Identification required at polls.—

21       (1)

22       (b) ~~If the picture identification does not contain the~~  
23      ~~signature of the elector, an additional identification that~~  
24      ~~provides the elector's signature shall be required.~~ The address  
25      appearing on the identification presented by the elector may not  
26      be used as the basis to confirm an elector's legal residence or  
27      otherwise challenge an elector's legal residence. The elector  
28      shall sign his or her name in the space provided on the precinct  
29      register or on an electronic device provided for recording the

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30 elector's signature. The clerk or inspector shall ~~compare the~~  
31 ~~signature with that on the identification provided by the~~  
32 ~~elector and~~ enter his or her initials in the space provided on  
33 the precinct register or on an electronic device provided for  
34 that purpose after the elector signs his or her name and allow  
35 the elector to vote if the clerk or inspector is satisfied as to  
36 the identity of the elector. The clerk or inspector may not  
37 compare the elector's signature on the precinct register or the  
38 electronic device with that on the identification provided by  
39 the elector and may not use a discrepancy between the two  
40 signatures as a basis for challenging the elector's eligibility  
41 to vote.

42 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 101.151, Florida  
43 Statutes, is amended to read:

44 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

45 (9) (a) The Department of State shall adopt rules  
46 prescribing a uniform primary and general election ballot for  
47 each certified voting system. The rules must ~~shall~~ incorporate  
48 the requirements set forth in this section and ~~shall~~ prescribe  
49 additional matters and forms that include, without limitation:

50 1. Clear and unambiguous ballot instructions and  
51 directions;

52 2. Individual race layout; and

53 3. Overall ballot layout.

54 (b) Additionally, the ~~department~~ rules must: ~~shall~~

55 1. Require that the ballot title and the ballot  
56 instructions and directions be centered across the top of the  
57 first page of a marksense ballot and on the first screen of a  
58 touchscreen ballot and not appear aligned to the left on the

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59 page or column of the ballot.

60 2. Graphically depict a sample uniform primary and general  
61 election ballot form for each certified voting system.

62 Section 3. Section 101.49, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

63 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 101.5608, Florida  
64 Statutes, is amended to read:

65 101.5608 Voting by electronic or electromechanical method;  
66 procedures.—

67 (1) Each elector desiring to vote shall be identified to  
68 the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly qualified  
69 elector of such election and shall sign his or her name on the  
70 precinct register or other form or device provided by the  
71 supervisor. ~~The inspector shall compare the signature with the~~  
72 ~~signature on the identification provided by the elector.~~ If the  
73 inspector is reasonably sure that the person is entitled to  
74 vote, the inspector shall provide the person with a ballot.

75 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.