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1  
2 An act relating to election administration; amending  
3 s. 97.012, F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to  
4 provide signature matching training to certain  
5 persons; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; revising the  
6 definition of the term "voter interface device";  
7 amending s. 98.077, F.S.; revising deadlines for voter  
8 signature updates for purposes of vote-by-mail and  
9 provisional ballots; providing an exception; amending  
10 s. 98.0981, F.S.; revising the voter threshold  
11 necessary to require the reporting of certain  
12 precinct-level results by ballot; amending s. 99.063,  
13 F.S.; removing a provision requiring certain language  
14 to follow the name of gubernatorial candidates in  
15 specified circumstances; amending s. 100.061, F.S.;  
16 revising the date of the primary election; amending s.  
17 101.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to  
18 establish minimum security standards to address chain  
19 of custody of ballots, transport of ballots, and  
20 ballot security; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; requiring  
21 a county canvassing board to review certain  
22 information; providing requirements for the canvassing  
23 and counting of provisional ballots; requiring the  
24 supervisor of elections to process a valid provisional  
25 ballot cure affidavit as a voter signature update;  
26 revising the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate  
27 and Affirmation form; providing a process to cure a  
28 provisional ballot with a signature deficiency;  
29 requiring a supervisor to mail a voter registration

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30 application to an elector in certain circumstances;  
31 amending s. 101.151, F.S.; revising requirements for  
32 department rules governing ballot design; amending s.  
33 101.657, F.S.; requiring sufficient nonpermitting  
34 parking for voters at certain early voting locations;  
35 amending s. 102.031, F.S.; conforming a provision to  
36 changes made by the act; prohibiting the owners or  
37 operators of a location on which a polling place or  
38 early voting site is located from restricting  
39 solicitation in certain areas; amending s. 101.20,  
40 F.S.; authorizing the distribution of sample ballots  
41 by e-mail or mail in lieu of newspaper publication;  
42 amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; authorizing voting to be  
43 conducted using a voter interface device that produces  
44 a voter-verifiable paper output; amending s. 101.5614,  
45 F.S.; authorizing certain individuals to serve as  
46 witnesses during the ballot duplication process;  
47 amending s. 101.62, F.S.; revising the deadlines by  
48 which requests for vote-by-mail ballots must be  
49 received and by which vote-by-mail ballots shall be  
50 mailed by the supervisor; expanding the period during  
51 which a designee may physically collect a vote-by-mail  
52 ballot; amending s. 101.64, F.S.; requiring the  
53 secrecy envelope included with a vote-by-mail ballot  
54 to include a specified statement; amending s. 101.65,  
55 F.S.; revising requirements for vote-by-mail ballot  
56 instructions; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; requiring a  
57 supervisor to report the total number of vote-by-mail  
58 ballots received at each early voting location;

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59 amending s. 101.68, F.S.; revising the date that  
60 canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots may begin; revising  
61 requirements related to the canvassing and counting of  
62 vote-by-mail ballots; revising the deadline by which  
63 vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavits must be submitted;  
64 requiring the supervisor to process a valid vote-by-  
65 mail ballot cure affidavit as a voter signature  
66 update; amending s. 101.69, F.S.; requiring a  
67 supervisor to provide secure drop boxes in specified  
68 locations for an elector to place his or her vote-by-  
69 mail ballot; authorizing placement of secure drop  
70 boxes at additional locations, subject to specified  
71 limitations; amending ss. 97.052 and 97.053, F.S.;  
72 revising requirements for the uniform statewide voter  
73 registration application to modify statements an  
74 applicant must affirm; revising terminology regarding  
75 voting rights restoration to conform to the State  
76 Constitution; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; revising  
77 terminology regarding voting rights restoration to  
78 conform to the State Constitution; amending s. 98.075,  
79 F.S.; revising terminology regarding voting rights  
80 restoration to conform to the State Constitution;  
81 requiring the supervisor of elections of the county in  
82 which an ineligible voter is registered to notify the  
83 voter of instructions for seeking restoration of  
84 voting rights pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State  
85 Constitution, in addition to restoration of civil  
86 rights pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State  
87 Constitution; requiring a notice of a registered

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88 voter's potential ineligibility to include specified  
89 information; creating s. 98.0751, F.S.; requiring the  
90 voting disqualification of certain felons to be  
91 removed and voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4,  
92 Art. VI of the State Constitution; providing that the  
93 voting disqualification arising from specified factors  
94 is not removed unless a person's civil rights are  
95 restored through the clemency process pursuant to s.  
96 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution; providing  
97 definitions; requiring the Department of State to  
98 review information and make an initial determination  
99 regarding certain credible and reliable information;  
100 requiring the department to forward specified  
101 information to supervisors of elections; requiring the  
102 supervisor of elections to make a final determination  
103 of whether a person who has been convicted of a felony  
104 offense is eligible to register to vote, including if  
105 he or she has completed all the terms of his or her  
106 sentence; authorizing the department to assist the  
107 supervisor of elections with such final determination,  
108 if necessary; requiring specified provisions to be  
109 construed in favor of a voter registrant; amending s.  
110 104.011, F.S.; prohibiting a person from being charged  
111 or convicted for violations regarding false swearing  
112 or submitting false voter registration information  
113 under certain conditions; amending s. 940.061, F.S.;  
114 requiring the Department of Corrections to inform  
115 inmates and offenders of voting rights restoration  
116 pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution,

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117 in addition to executive clemency and civil rights  
118 restoration; amending s. 944.292, F.S.; conforming a  
119 provision regarding the suspension of civil rights;  
120 amending s. 944.705, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
121 Corrections to include notification of all outstanding  
122 terms of sentence in an inmate's release documents;  
123 providing an exception to the notification requirement  
124 for inmates who are released to any type of  
125 supervision monitored by the department; amending s.  
126 947.24, F.S.; requiring the Florida Commission on  
127 Offender Review, upon the termination of an offender's  
128 term of parole, control release, or conditional  
129 release, to provide written notification to the  
130 offender of all outstanding terms of sentence;  
131 creating s. 948.041, F.S.; requiring the department,  
132 upon the termination of an offender's term of  
133 probation or community control, to provide written  
134 notification to the offender of all outstanding terms  
135 of sentence; amending s. 951.29, F.S.; requiring each  
136 county detention facility to provide information on  
137 the restoration of voting rights pursuant to s. 4,  
138 Art. VI of the State Constitution to certain  
139 prisoners; requiring each county detention facility to  
140 provide written notification to certain prisoners of  
141 all outstanding terms of sentence upon release;  
142 creating the Restoration of Voting Rights Work Group  
143 within the Department of State; specifying membership  
144 of the work group; establishing the manner of  
145 appointments and the terms of membership; prescribing

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146 the duties of the work group; requiring the work group  
147 to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified  
148 date; providing for staffing; authorizing  
149 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;  
150 providing for expiration of the work group; amending  
151 s. 101.6923, F.S.; revising vote-by-mail ballot  
152 instructions for certain first-time voters; amending  
153 s. 102.031, F.S.; expanding the area in which voter  
154 solicitation is prohibited; authorizing an elector to  
155 photograph his or her own ballot; amending s. 102.141,  
156 F.S.; providing notice requirements for meetings of a  
157 county canvassing board; requiring certain individuals  
158 to wear identification badges during certain periods;  
159 amending s. 102.166, F.S.; modifying certification  
160 requirements for voting systems to require the  
161 functionality to simultaneously sort and count ballot  
162 overvotes and undervotes; revising requirements for  
163 department rules regarding manual recounts of certain  
164 ballots; amending s. 102.168, F.S.; modifying  
165 provisions governing election contests to authorize  
166 judicial review of additional information related to  
167 determining validity of provisional and vote-by-mail  
168 ballot signatures to conform to changes made by the  
169 act; amending s. 104.051, F.S.; providing a penalty  
170 for certain supervisors who willfully violate the  
171 Florida Election Code; providing effective dates.

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173 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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175 Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section 97.012,  
176 Florida Statutes, to read:

177 97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.—The  
178 Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state,  
179 and it is his or her responsibility to:

180 (17) Provide formal signature matching training to  
181 supervisors of elections and county canvassing board members.

182 Section 2. Effective January 1, 2020, subsection (41) of  
183 section 97.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

184 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except  
185 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

186 (41) "Voter interface device" means any device that  
187 communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a  
188 voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates and  
189 issues. A voter interface device may not be used to tabulate  
190 votes. Any vote tabulation must be based upon a subsequent scan  
191 of the marked marksense ballot or the voter-verifiable paper  
192 output after the voter interface device process has been  
193 completed.

194 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 98.077, Florida  
195 Statutes, is amended to read:

196 98.077 Update of voter signature.—

197 (4) Except as authorized in ss. 101.048 and 101.68:

198 (a) All signature updates for use in verifying vote-by-mail  
199 and provisional ballots must be received by the appropriate  
200 supervisor before the elector's ballot is received by the  
201 supervisor or, in the case of provisional ballots, before the  
202 elector's ballot is cast ~~of elections no later than the start of~~  
203 ~~the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots by the canvassing board.~~

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204           (b) The signature on file at the time the vote-by-mail  
205 ballot is received or at the time the provisional ballot is cast  
206 ~~start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots~~ is the  
207 signature that shall be used in verifying the signature on the  
208 vote-by-mail and provisional ballot certificates, respectively.

209           Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
210 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

211           98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter  
212 registration system information; precinct-level election  
213 results; book closing statistics.-

214           (2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.-

215           (a) Within 30 days after certification by the Elections  
216 Canvassing Commission of a presidential preference primary  
217 election, special election, primary election, or general  
218 election, the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit  
219 to the department precinct-level election results for the  
220 election in a uniform electronic format specified by paragraph  
221 (c). The precinct-level election results shall be compiled  
222 separately for the primary or special primary election that  
223 preceded the general or special general election, respectively.  
224 The results shall specifically include for each precinct the  
225 total of all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill  
226 a national, state, county, or district office or proposed  
227 constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and  
228 ballot type, unless fewer than 30 ~~40~~ voters voted a ballot type.  
229 "All ballots cast" means ballots cast by voters who cast a  
230 ballot whether at a precinct location, by vote-by-mail ballot  
231 including overseas vote-by-mail ballots, during the early voting  
232 period, or by provisional ballot.



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233 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 99.063, Florida  
234 Statutes, is amended to read:

235 99.063 Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.—

236 (4) In order to have the name of the candidate for  
237 Lieutenant Governor printed on the primary election ballot, a  
238 candidate for Governor participating in the primary must  
239 designate the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and the  
240 designated candidate must qualify no later than the end of the  
241 qualifying period specified in s. 99.061. ~~If the candidate for~~  
242 ~~Lieutenant Governor has not been designated and has not~~  
243 ~~qualified by the end of the qualifying period specified in s.~~  
244 ~~99.061, the phrase "Not Yet Designated" must be included in lieu~~  
245 ~~of the candidate's name on the primary election ballot.~~

246 Section 6. Section 100.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
247 read:

248 100.061 Primary election.—In each year in which a general  
249 election is held, a primary election for nomination of  
250 candidates of political parties shall be held on the Tuesday 11  
251 ~~10~~ weeks prior to the general election. The candidate receiving  
252 the highest number of votes cast in each contest in the primary  
253 election shall be declared nominated for such office. If two or  
254 more candidates receive an equal and highest number of votes for  
255 the same office, such candidates shall draw lots to determine  
256 which candidate is nominated.

257 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 101.015, Florida  
258 Statutes, is amended to read:

259 101.015 Standards for voting systems.—

260 (4) (a) The Department of State shall adopt rules  
261 establishing minimum security standards for voting systems. The

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262 standards, at a minimum, must address the following:

263 1. Chain of custody of ballots, including a detailed  
264 description of procedures to create a complete written record of  
265 the chain of custody of ballots and paper outputs beginning with  
266 their receipt from a printer or manufacturer until such time as  
267 they are destroyed.

268 2. Transport of ballots, including a description of the  
269 method and equipment used and a detailed list of the names of  
270 all individuals involved in such transport.

271 3. Ballot security, including a requirement that all  
272 ballots be kept in a locked room in the supervisor's office, a  
273 facility controlled by the supervisor or county canvassing  
274 board, or a public place in which the county canvassing board is  
275 canvassing votes until needed for canvassing and returned  
276 thereafter.

277 (b)1. Each supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall establish written  
278 procedures to assure accuracy and security in his or her county,  
279 including procedures related to early voting pursuant to s.  
280 101.657. Such procedures shall be reviewed in each odd-numbered  
281 year by the department ~~of State~~.

282 2.~~(e)~~ Each supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall submit any  
283 revisions to the security procedures to the department ~~of State~~  
284 at least 45 days before early voting commences pursuant to s.  
285 101.657 in an election in which they are to take effect.

286 Section 8. Present subsection (6) of section 101.048,  
287 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), subsections  
288 (2), (3), and (5) and present subsection (6) of that section are  
289 amended, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to  
290 read:

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291 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

292 (2) (a) The county canvassing board shall examine each  
293 Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation to  
294 determine if the person voting that ballot was entitled to vote  
295 at the precinct where the person cast a vote in the election and  
296 that the person had not already cast a ballot in the election.  
297 In determining whether a person casting a provisional ballot is  
298 entitled to vote, the county canvassing board shall review the  
299 information provided in the Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,  
300 written evidence provided by the person pursuant to subsection  
301 (1), information provided in any cure affidavit and accompanying  
302 supporting documentation pursuant to subsection (6), any other  
303 evidence presented by the supervisor ~~of elections~~, and, in the  
304 case of a challenge, any evidence presented by the challenger. A  
305 ballot of a person casting a provisional ballot shall be  
306 canvassed pursuant to paragraph (b) ~~counted~~ unless the  
307 canvassing board determines by a preponderance of the evidence  
308 that the person was not entitled to vote.

309 (b) ~~1.~~ If it is determined that the person was registered  
310 and entitled to vote at the precinct where the person cast a  
311 vote in the election, the canvassing board must ~~shall~~ compare  
312 the signature on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
313 Affirmation or the provisional ballot cure affidavit with the  
314 signature on the voter's registration or precinct register ~~and,~~  
315 ~~if it matches, shall count the ballot.~~ A provisional ballot may  
316 be counted only if:

317 1. The signature on the voter's certificate or the cure  
318 affidavit matches the elector's signature in the registration  
319 books or the precinct register; however, in the case of a cure

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320 affidavit, the supporting identification listed in subsection  
321 (6) must also confirm the identity of the elector; or

322 2. The cure affidavit contains a signature that does not  
323 match the elector's signature in the registration books or the  
324 precinct register, but the elector has submitted a current and  
325 valid Tier 1 form of identification confirming his or her  
326 identity pursuant to subsection (6).

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328 For purposes of this paragraph, any canvassing board finding  
329 that signatures do not match must be by majority vote and beyond  
330 a reasonable doubt.

331 ~~2. If it is determined that the person voting the~~  
332 ~~provisional ballot was not registered or entitled to vote at the~~  
333 ~~precinct where the person cast a vote in the election, the~~

334 (c) Any provisional ballot shall not be counted must and  
335 ~~the ballot shall~~ remain in the envelope containing the  
336 Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation and the  
337 envelope shall be marked "Rejected as Illegal."

338 (d) If a provisional ballot is validated following the  
339 submission of a cure affidavit, the supervisor must make a copy  
340 of the affidavit, affix it to a voter registration application,  
341 and immediately process it as a valid request for a signature  
342 update pursuant to s. 98.077.

343 (3) The Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
344 Affirmation shall be in substantially the following form:

345 STATE OF FLORIDA

346 COUNTY OF ....

347 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name is ....; that  
348 my date of birth is ....; that I am registered and qualified to

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349 vote in .... County, Florida; that I am registered in the ....  
350 Party; that I am a qualified voter of the county; and that I  
351 have not voted in this election. I understand that if I commit  
352 any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot,  
353 or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a  
354 felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or  
355 imprisoned for up to 5 years. Further, by providing my  
356 information below, I authorize the use of e-mail, text message,  
357 and telephone call for the limited purpose of signature and  
358 ballot validation.

359 ...(Printed Name of Voter)...

360 ...(Signature of Voter)...

361 ...(Current Residence Address)...

362 ...(Current Mailing Address)...

363 ...(City, State, Zip Code)...

364 ...(Driver License Number or Last Four Digits of Social Security  
365 Number)...

366 ...(E-Mail Address)...

367 ...(Home Telephone Number)...

368 ...(Mobile Telephone Number)...

369 Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of .....,  
370 ...(year)....

371 ...(Election Official)...

372 Precinct # .... Ballot Style/Party Issued: ....

373 (5) Each person casting a provisional ballot shall be given  
374 written instructions regarding the person's right to provide the  
375 supervisor ~~of elections~~ with written evidence of his or her  
376 eligibility to vote and regarding the free access system  
377 established pursuant to subsection (7) ~~(6)~~. The instructions

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378 must ~~shall~~ contain the supervisor's contact information along  
379 with information on how to access the system and the information  
380 the voter will need to provide to obtain information on his or  
381 her particular ballot. The instructions shall also include the  
382 following statement: "If this is a primary election, you should  
383 contact the supervisor of elections' office immediately to  
384 confirm that you are registered and can vote in the general  
385 election."

386 (6) (a) As soon as practicable, the supervisor shall, on  
387 behalf of the county canvassing board, attempt to notify an  
388 elector who has submitted a provisional ballot that does not  
389 include the elector's signature or contains a signature that  
390 does not match the elector's signature in the registration books  
391 or precinct register by:

392 1. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by e-  
393 mail and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
394 instructions on the supervisor's website;

395 2. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
396 text message and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
397 instructions on the supervisor's website; or

398 3. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
399 telephone and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
400 instructions on the supervisor's website.

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402 In addition to the notification required under subparagraph 1.,  
403 subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., the supervisor must notify  
404 the elector of the signature deficiency by first-class mail and  
405 direct the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the  
406 supervisor's website. Beginning the day before the election, the

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407 supervisor is not required to provide notice of the signature  
408 deficiency by first-class mail, but shall continue to provide  
409 notice as required in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or  
410 subparagraph 3.

411 (b) Until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after an election, the  
412 supervisor shall allow an elector who has submitted a  
413 provisional ballot with a signature deficiency to complete and  
414 submit a cure affidavit.

415 (c) The elector must complete a cure affidavit in  
416 substantially the following form:

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418 PROVISIONAL BALLOT CURE AFFIDAVIT

419 I, ....., am a qualified voter in this election and a  
420 registered voter of .... County, Florida. I do solemnly swear or  
421 affirm that I voted a provisional ballot and that I have not and  
422 will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I  
423 understand that if I commit or attempt any fraud in connection  
424 with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more than once in  
425 an election, I may be convicted of a felony of the third degree,  
426 fined up to \$5,000, and imprisoned for up to 5 years. I  
427 understand that my failure to sign this affidavit will  
428 invalidate my ballot.

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430 ...(Voter's Signature)...

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432 ...(Address)...

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434 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in  
435 substantially the following form:

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1. In order to cure the missing signature or the signature  
discrepancy on your Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
Affirmation, your affidavit should be completed and returned as  
soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
Signature).

3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
identification:

a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;  
Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport; debit or  
credit card; military identification; student identification;  
retirement center identification; neighborhood association  
identification; public assistance identification; veteran health  
identification card issued by the United States Department of  
Veterans Affairs; Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or  
firearm; or employee identification card issued by any branch,  
department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the  
state, a county, or a municipality; or

b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and



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465 current residence address: current utility bill; bank statement;  
466 government check; paycheck; or government document (excluding  
467 voter information card).

468 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
469 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
470 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
471 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
472 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
473 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
474 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your  
475 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
476 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election or your  
477 ballot will not count.

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

482 6. Submitting a provisional ballot affidavit does not  
483 establish your eligibility to vote in this election or guarantee  
484 that your ballot will be counted. The county canvassing board  
485 determines your eligibility to vote through information provided  
486 on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,  
487 written evidence provided by you, including information in your  
488 cure affidavit along with any supporting identification, and any  
489 other evidence presented by the supervisor of elections or a  
490 challenger. You may still be required to present additional  
491 written evidence to support your eligibility to vote.

492 (e) The department and each supervisor shall include the  
493 affidavit and instructions on their respective websites. The

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494 supervisor shall include his or her office mailing address, e-  
495 mail address, and fax number on the page containing the  
496 affidavit instructions, and the department's instruction page  
497 shall include the office mailing addresses, e-mail addresses,  
498 and fax numbers of all supervisors or provide a conspicuous link  
499 to such addresses.

500 (f) The supervisor shall attach each affidavit received to  
501 the appropriate provisional ballot envelope containing the  
502 Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation.

503 (7) (a) ~~(6)~~ Each supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall establish a  
504 free access system that allows each person who casts a  
505 provisional ballot to determine whether his or her provisional  
506 ballot was counted in the final canvass of votes and, if not,  
507 the reasons why. Information regarding provisional ballots shall  
508 be available no later than 30 days following the election. The  
509 system established must restrict information regarding an  
510 individual ballot to the person who cast the ballot.

511 (b) Unless processed as a signature update pursuant to  
512 subsection (2), the supervisor shall mail a voter registration  
513 application to the elector to be completed indicating the  
514 elector's current signature if the signature on the voter's  
515 certificate or cure affidavit did not match the elector's  
516 signature in the registration books or precinct register.

517 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
518 (9) of section 101.151, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

519 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

520 (1)

521 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a  
522 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual marksense

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523 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible electors  
524 ~~pursuant to s. 101.657~~. Ballot-on-demand technology may be used  
525 to produce marksense vote-by-mail and election-day ballots.

526 (9) (a) The Department of State shall adopt rules  
527 prescribing a uniform primary and general election ballot for  
528 each certified voting system. The rules shall incorporate the  
529 requirements set forth in this section and shall prescribe  
530 additional matters and forms that include, without limitation:

531 1. The ballot title followed by clear and unambiguous  
532 ballot instructions and directions limited to a single location  
533 on the ballot, either:

534 a. Centered across the top of the ballot; or

535 b. In the leftmost column, with no individual races in that  
536 column unless it is the only column on the ballot;

537 2. Individual race layout; ~~and~~

538 3. Overall ballot layout; and

539 4. Oval vote targets as the only permissible type of vote  
540 target, except as provided in s. 101.56075.

541 (b) The ~~department~~ rules must ~~shall~~ graphically depict a  
542 sample uniform primary and general election ballot form for each  
543 certified voting system.

544 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
545 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

546 101.657 Early voting.—

547 (1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of  
548 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or  
549 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,  
550 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for  
551 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used

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552 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the  
553 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for  
554 at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also  
555 designate any city hall, permanent public library facility,  
556 fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission  
557 building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior  
558 center, or government-owned community center as early voting  
559 sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be  
560 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county  
561 an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
562 practicable, and must provide sufficient nonpermitted parking to  
563 accommodate the anticipated amount of voters. In addition, a  
564 supervisor may designate one early voting site per election in  
565 an area of the county that does not have any of the eligible  
566 early voting locations. Such additional early voting site must  
567 be geographically located so as to provide all voters in that  
568 area with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is  
569 practicable, and must provide sufficient nonpermitted parking to  
570 accommodate the anticipated amount of voters. Each county shall,  
571 at a minimum, operate the same total number of early voting  
572 sites for a general election which the county operated for the  
573 2012 general election. The results or tabulation of votes cast  
574 during early voting may not be made before the close of the  
575 polls on election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

576 Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
577 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is  
578 added to that subsection, to read:

579 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;  
580 persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas;

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581 unlawful solicitation of voters.-

582 (4)

583 (c) Each supervisor of elections shall inform the clerk of  
584 the area within which soliciting is unlawful, based on the  
585 particular characteristics of that polling place. The supervisor  
586 or the clerk may take any reasonable action necessary to ensure  
587 order at the polling places, including, but not limited to,  
588 having disruptive and unruly persons removed by law enforcement  
589 officers from the polling room or place or from the 150-foot  
590 ~~100-foot~~ zone surrounding the polling place.

591 (e) The owner, operator, or lessee of the property on which  
592 a polling place or an early voting site is located, or an agent  
593 or employee thereof, may not prohibit the solicitation of voters  
594 outside of the no-solicitation zone during polling hours.

595 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 101.20, Florida  
596 Statutes, is amended to read:

597 101.20 Publication of ballot form; sample ballots.-

598 (2) (a) Upon completion of the list of qualified candidates,  
599 a sample ballot shall be published by the supervisor ~~of~~  
600 ~~elections~~ in a newspaper of general circulation in the county,  
601 before the day of election.

602 (b) In lieu of the publication required under paragraph  
603 (a), a supervisor may send a sample ballot to each registered  
604 elector by e-mail at least 7 days before an election if an e-  
605 mail address has been provided and the elector has opted to  
606 receive a sample ballot by electronic delivery. If an e-mail  
607 address has not been provided, or if the elector has not opted  
608 for electronic delivery, a sample ballot may be mailed to each  
609 registered elector or to each household in which there is a

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610 registered elector at least 7 days before an election.

611 Section 13. Effective January 1, 2020, section 101.56075,  
612 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

613 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating  
614 ballot selections,

615 ~~(1) Except as provided in subsection (2),~~ all voting must  
616 ~~shall~~ be by marksense ballot, using utilizing a marking device  
617 or a voter interface device that produces a voter-verifiable  
618 paper output and for the purpose of designating ballot  
619 selections.

620 ~~(2) Persons with disabilities may vote on a voter interface~~  
621 ~~device that meets the voting system accessibility requirements~~  
622 ~~for individuals with disabilities pursuant to s. 301 of the~~  
623 ~~federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.~~

624 ~~(3) By 2020, persons with disabilities shall vote on a~~  
625 ~~voter interface device that meets the voter accessibility~~  
626 ~~requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of~~  
627 ~~the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062 which~~  
628 ~~are consistent with subsection (1) of this section.~~

629 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
630 101.5614, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

631 101.5614 Canvass of returns.—

632 (4) (a) If any vote-by-mail ballot is physically damaged so  
633 that it cannot properly be counted by the automatic tabulating  
634 equipment, a true duplicate copy shall be made of the damaged  
635 ballot in the presence of witnesses and substituted for the  
636 damaged ballot. Likewise, a duplicate ballot shall be made of a  
637 vote-by-mail ballot containing an overvoted race or a marked  
638 vote-by-mail ballot in which every race is undervoted which

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639 shall include all valid votes as determined by the canvassing  
640 board based on rules adopted by the division pursuant to s.  
641 102.166(4). Upon request, a physically present candidate, a  
642 political party official, a political committee official, or an  
643 authorized designee thereof, must be allowed to observe the  
644 duplication of ballots. All duplicate ballots shall be clearly  
645 labeled "duplicate," bear a serial number which shall be  
646 recorded on the defective ballot, and be counted in lieu of the  
647 defective ballot. After a ballot has been duplicated, the  
648 defective ballot shall be placed in an envelope provided for  
649 that purpose, and the duplicate ballot shall be tallied with the  
650 other ballots for that precinct.

651 Section 15. Subsection (2) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of  
652 subsection (4) of section 101.62, Florida Statutes, are amended  
653 to read:

654 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.—

655 (2) A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a  
656 voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th ~~sixth~~  
657 day before the election by the supervisor ~~of elections~~. The  
658 supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall mail vote-by-mail ballots to  
659 voters requesting ballots by such deadline no later than 8 4  
660 days before the election.

661 (4)

662 (b) The supervisor ~~of elections~~ shall mail a vote-by-mail  
663 ballot to each absent qualified voter, other than those listed  
664 in paragraph (a), who has requested such a ballot, between the  
665 40th ~~35th~~ and 33rd ~~28th~~ days before the presidential preference  
666 primary election, primary election, and general election. Except  
667 as otherwise provided in subsection (2) and after the period

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668 described in this paragraph, the supervisor shall mail vote-by-  
669 mail ballots within 2 business days after receiving a request  
670 for such a ballot.

671 (c) The supervisor shall provide a vote-by-mail ballot to  
672 each elector by whom a request for that ballot has been made by  
673 one of the following means:

674 1. By nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable mail to the  
675 elector's current mailing address on file with the supervisor or  
676 any other address the elector specifies in the request.

677 2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine  
678 transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas  
679 voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
680 may designate in the vote-by-mail ballot request the preferred  
681 method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the  
682 method of transmission, the vote-by-mail ballot shall be mailed.

683 3. By personal delivery before 7 p.m. on election day to  
684 the elector, upon presentation of the identification required in  
685 s. 101.043.

686 4. By delivery to a designee on election day or up to 9 ~~5~~  
687 days prior to the day of an election. Any elector may designate  
688 in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the elector;  
689 however, the person designated may not pick up more than two  
690 vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than the designee's own  
691 ballot, except that additional ballots may be picked up for  
692 members of the designee's immediate family. For purposes of this  
693 section, "immediate family" means the designee's spouse or the  
694 parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the designee or of the  
695 designee's spouse. The designee shall provide to the supervisor  
696 the written authorization by the elector and a picture



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697 identification of the designee and must complete an affidavit.  
698 The designee shall state in the affidavit that the designee is  
699 authorized by the elector to pick up that ballot and shall  
700 indicate if the elector is a member of the designee's immediate  
701 family and, if so, the relationship. The department shall  
702 prescribe the form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is  
703 satisfied that the designee is authorized to pick up the ballot  
704 and that the signature of the elector on the written  
705 authorization matches the signature of the elector on file, the  
706 supervisor shall give the ballot to that designee for delivery  
707 to the elector.

708         5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not  
709 deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to an elector or an elector's  
710 immediate family member on the day of the election unless there  
711 is an emergency, to the extent that the elector will be unable  
712 to go to his or her assigned polling place. If a vote-by-mail  
713 ballot is delivered, the elector or his or her designee shall  
714 execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which allow for  
715 delivery of the vote-by-mail ballot. The department shall adopt  
716 a rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

717         Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 101.64, Florida  
718 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
719 section, to read:

720         101.64 Delivery of vote-by-mail ballots; envelopes; form.-

721         (1) The supervisor shall enclose with each vote-by-mail  
722 ballot two envelopes: a secrecy envelope, into which the absent  
723 elector shall enclose his or her marked ballot; and a mailing  
724 envelope, into which the absent elector shall then place the  
725 secrecy envelope, which shall be addressed to the supervisor and

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726 also bear on the back side a certificate in substantially the  
727 following form:

728 Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before  
729 Marking Ballot and Completing Voter's Certificate.

730 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

731 I, ....., do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified  
732 and registered voter of .... County, Florida, and that I have  
733 not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I  
734 understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in  
735 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
736 than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the  
737 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to  
738 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate  
739 will invalidate my ballot.

740  
741 ... (Date) ... (Voter's Signature) ...  
742 ... (E-Mail Address) ... ... (Home Telephone Number) ...  
743 ... (Mobile Telephone Number) ...

744 (5) The secrecy envelope must include, in bold font,  
745 substantially the following message:

746  
747 IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT TO COUNT, YOUR SUPERVISOR  
748 OF ELECTIONS MUST RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT BY 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.  
749 IF YOU WAIT TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT, YOUR VOTE MIGHT NOT COUNT. TO  
750 PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING, PLEASE MAIL OR TURN IN YOUR BALLOT  
751 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

752 Section 17. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
753 read:

754 101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor

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755 shall enclose with each vote-by-mail ballot separate printed  
756 instructions in substantially the following form; however, where  
757 the instructions appear in capitalized text, the text of the  
758 printed instructions must be in bold font:

759 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
760 BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

761 1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your vote-by-  
762 mail ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned  
763 as soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
764 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
765 later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. However, if you  
766 are an overseas voter casting a ballot in a presidential  
767 preference primary or general election, your vote-by-mail ballot  
768 must be postmarked or dated no later than the date of the  
769 election and received by the supervisor of elections of the  
770 county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days  
771 after the date of the election. Note that the later you return  
772 your ballot, the less time you will have to cure any signature  
773 deficiencies, which is authorized until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day  
774 after the election.

775 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
776 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
777 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

778 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
779 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
780 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one candidate,  
781 your vote in that race will not be counted.

782 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
783 envelope.

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784           5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing  
785 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

786           6. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the  
787 Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

788           7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your vote-by-mail ballot to  
789 be counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
790 Signature). A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
791 not be counted if the signature on the voter's certificate does  
792 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
793 time the supervisor of elections in the county in which your  
794 precinct is located receives your vote-by-mail ballot ~~start of~~  
795 ~~the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots~~ is the signature that  
796 will be used to verify your signature on the voter's  
797 certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
798 election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
799 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is  
800 received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received ~~no later~~  
801 ~~than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots, which~~  
802 ~~occurs no earlier than the 15th day before election day.~~

803           8. VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must  
804 include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line  
805 above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

806           9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
807 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed. THE  
808 COMPLETED MAILING ENVELOPE CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
809 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH YOUR PRECINCT IS  
810 LOCATED OR DROPPED OFF AT AN AUTHORIZED SECURE DROP BOX,  
811 AVAILABLE AT EACH EARLY VOTING LOCATION.

812           10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to

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813 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
814 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
815 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
816 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

817 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 101.657, Florida  
818 Statutes, is amended to read:

819 101.657 Early voting.—

820 (2) During any early voting period, each supervisor ~~of~~  
821 ~~elections~~ shall make available the total number of voters  
822 casting a ballot at each early voting location and the total  
823 number of vote-by-mail ballots received under s. 101.69(2)  
824 during the previous day. Each supervisor shall prepare an  
825 electronic data file listing the individual voters who cast a  
826 ballot during the early voting period. This information shall be  
827 provided in electronic format as provided by rule adopted by the  
828 division. The information shall be updated and made available no  
829 later than noon of each day and shall be contemporaneously  
830 provided to the division.

831 Section 19. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2) and  
832 subsection (4) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, are amended  
833 to read:

834 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

835 (2) (a) The county canvassing board may begin the canvassing  
836 of vote-by-mail ballots at 7 a.m. on the 22nd ~~15th~~ day before  
837 the election, but not later than noon on the day following the  
838 election. In addition, for any county using electronic  
839 tabulating equipment, the processing of vote-by-mail ballots  
840 through such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on the  
841 22nd ~~15th~~ day before the election. However, notwithstanding any

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842 such authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise processing  
843 vote-by-mail ballots early, no result shall be released until  
844 after the closing of the polls in that county on election day.  
845 Any supervisor ~~of elections~~, deputy supervisor ~~of elections~~,  
846 canvassing board member, election board member, or election  
847 employee who releases the results of a canvassing or processing  
848 of vote-by-mail ballots prior to the closing of the polls in  
849 that county on election day commits a felony of the third  
850 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
851 775.084.

852 (c)1. The canvassing board must, if the supervisor has not  
853 already done so, compare the signature of the elector on the  
854 voter's certificate or on the vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit  
855 as provided in subsection (4) with the signature of the elector  
856 in the registration books or the precinct register to see that  
857 the elector is duly registered in the county and to determine  
858 the legality of that vote-by-mail ballot. A vote-by-mail ballot  
859 may only be counted if:

860 a. The signature on the voter's certificate or the cure  
861 affidavit matches the elector's signature in the registration  
862 books or precinct register; however, in the case of a cure  
863 affidavit, the supporting identification listed in subsection  
864 (4) must also confirm the identity of the elector; or

865 b. The cure affidavit contains a signature that does not  
866 match the elector's signature in the registration books or  
867 precinct register, but the elector has submitted a current and  
868 valid Tier 1 identification pursuant to subsection (4) which  
869 confirms the identity of the elector.

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871 For purposes of this subparagraph, any canvassing board finding  
872 that an elector's signatures do not match must be by majority  
873 vote and beyond a reasonable doubt.

874         2. The ballot of an elector who casts a vote-by-mail ballot  
875 shall be counted even if the elector dies on or before election  
876 day, as long as, before the death of the voter, the ballot was  
877 postmarked by the United States Postal Service, date-stamped  
878 with a verifiable tracking number by a common carrier, or  
879 already in the possession of the supervisor ~~of elections~~.

880         3. A vote-by-mail ballot is not considered illegal if the  
881 signature of the elector does not cross the seal of the mailing  
882 envelope.

883         4. If any elector or candidate present believes that a  
884 vote-by-mail ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the  
885 voter's certificate or the cure affidavit, he or she may, at any  
886 time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with  
887 the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that  
888 ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he  
889 or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon  
890 a defect in the voter's certificate or cure affidavit may not be  
891 accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing  
892 envelope.

893         5. If the canvassing board determines that a ballot is  
894 illegal, a member of the board must, without opening the  
895 envelope, mark across the face of the envelope: "rejected as  
896 illegal." The cure affidavit, if applicable, the envelope, and  
897 the ballot therein shall be preserved in the manner that  
898 official ballots are preserved.

899         (4) (a) As soon as practicable, the supervisor shall, on

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900 behalf of the county canvassing board, attempt to immediately  
901 notify an elector who has returned a vote-by-mail ballot that  
902 does not include the elector's signature or contains a signature  
903 that does not match the elector's signature in the registration  
904 books or precinct register by:

905 1. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by e-  
906 mail and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
907 instructions on the supervisor's website;

908 2. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
909 text message and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
910 instructions on the supervisor's website; or

911 3. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by  
912 telephone and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and  
913 instructions on the supervisor's website.

914  
915 In addition to the notification required under subparagraph 1.,  
916 subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., the supervisor must notify  
917 the elector of the signature deficiency by first-class mail and  
918 direct the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the  
919 supervisor's website. Beginning the day before the election, the  
920 supervisor is not required to provide notice of the signature  
921 deficiency by first-class mail, but shall continue to provide  
922 notice as required under subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or  
923 subparagraph 3.

924 (b) The supervisor shall allow such an elector to complete  
925 and submit an affidavit in order to cure the vote-by-mail ballot  
926 until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after ~~before~~ the election.

927 (c) ~~(b)~~ The elector must complete a cure affidavit in  
928 substantially the following form:



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929 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT CURE AFFIDAVIT

930 I, ....., am a qualified voter in this election and  
931 registered voter of .... County, Florida. I do solemnly swear or  
932 affirm that I requested and returned the vote-by-mail ballot and  
933 that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this  
934 election. I understand that if I commit or attempt any fraud in  
935 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
936 than once in an election, I may be convicted of a felony of the  
937 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and imprisoned for up to 5  
938 years. I understand that my failure to sign this affidavit means  
939 that my vote-by-mail ballot will be invalidated.

940 ... (Voter's Signature) ...

941 ... (Address) ...

942 (d) ~~(e)~~ Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in  
943 substantially the following form:

944 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
945 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
946 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

947 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be  
948 counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as soon  
949 as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of  
950 the county in which your precinct is located no later than 5  
951 p.m. on the 2nd day after ~~before~~ the election.

952 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
953 Signature).

954 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
955 identification:

956 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
957 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;

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958 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
959 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport; debit or  
960 credit card; military identification; student identification;  
961 retirement center identification; neighborhood association  
962 identification; public assistance identification; veteran health  
963 identification card issued by the United States Department of  
964 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon  
965 or firearm; or an employee identification card issued by any  
966 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
967 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

968       b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
969 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and  
970 current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
971 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
972 voter information ~~identification~~ card).

973       4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
974 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
975 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
976 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
977 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
978 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
979 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your  
980 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
981 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your  
982 ballot will not count.

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

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987           ~~(e)~~ (d) The department and each supervisor shall include the  
988 affidavit and instructions on their respective websites. The  
989 supervisor must include his or her office's mailing address, e-  
990 mail address, and fax number on the page containing the  
991 affidavit instructions, ~~and~~ the department's instruction page  
992 must include the office mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, and  
993 fax numbers of all supervisors of elections or provide a  
994 conspicuous link to such addresses.

995           ~~(f)~~ (e) The supervisor shall attach each affidavit received  
996 to the appropriate vote-by-mail ballot mailing envelope.

997           ~~(g)~~ (f) If a vote-by-mail ballot is validated following the  
998 submission of a cure affidavit, the supervisor shall make a copy  
999 of the affidavit, affix it to a voter registration application,  
1000 and immediately process it as a valid request for a signature  
1001 update pursuant to s. 98.077.

1002           (h) After all election results on the ballot have been  
1003 certified, the supervisor shall, on behalf of the county  
1004 canvassing board, notify each elector whose ballot has been  
1005 rejected as illegal and provide the specific reason the ballot  
1006 was rejected. In addition, unless processed as a signature  
1007 update pursuant to paragraph (g), the supervisor shall mail a  
1008 voter registration application to the elector to be completed  
1009 indicating the elector's current signature if the signature on  
1010 the voter's certificate or cure affidavit did not match the  
1011 elector's signature in the registration books or precinct  
1012 register. ~~This section does not prohibit the supervisor from~~  
1013 ~~providing additional methods for updating an elector's~~  
1014 ~~signature.~~

1015           Section 20. Section 101.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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1016 read:

1017 101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—

1018 (1) The provisions of this code shall not be construed to  
1019 prohibit any elector from voting in person at the elector's  
1020 precinct on the day of an election or at an early voting site,  
1021 notwithstanding that the elector has requested a vote-by-mail  
1022 ballot for that election. An elector who has returned a voted  
1023 vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor, however, is deemed to  
1024 have cast his or her ballot and is not entitled to vote another  
1025 ballot or to have a provisional ballot counted by the county  
1026 canvassing board. An elector who has received a vote-by-mail  
1027 ballot and has not returned the voted ballot to the supervisor,  
1028 but desires to vote in person, shall return the ballot, whether  
1029 voted or not, to the election board in the elector's precinct or  
1030 to an early voting site. The returned ballot shall be marked  
1031 "canceled" by the board and placed with other canceled ballots.  
1032 However, if the elector does not return the ballot and the  
1033 election official:

1034 (a)~~(1)~~ Confirms that the supervisor has received the  
1035 elector's vote-by-mail ballot, the elector shall not be allowed  
1036 to vote in person. If the elector maintains that he or she has  
1037 not returned the vote-by-mail ballot or remains eligible to  
1038 vote, the elector shall be provided a provisional ballot as  
1039 provided in s. 101.048.

1040 (b)~~(2)~~ Confirms that the supervisor has not received the  
1041 elector's vote-by-mail ballot, the elector shall be allowed to  
1042 vote in person as provided in this code. The elector's vote-by-  
1043 mail ballot, if subsequently received, shall not be counted and  
1044 shall remain in the mailing envelope, and the envelope shall be

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1045 marked "Rejected as Illegal."

1046 (c) ~~(3)~~ Cannot determine whether the supervisor has received  
1047 the elector's vote-by-mail ballot, the elector may vote a  
1048 provisional ballot as provided in s. 101.048.

1049 (2) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has received  
1050 a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted vote-by-mail  
1051 ballot to the supervisor by placing the envelope containing his  
1052 or her marked ballot in a secure drop box. Secure drop boxes  
1053 shall be placed at the main office of the supervisor, at each  
1054 branch office of the supervisor, and at each early voting site.  
1055 Secure drop boxes may also be placed at any other site that  
1056 would otherwise qualify as an early voting site under s.  
1057 101.657(1); provided, however, that any such site must be  
1058 staffed during the county's early voting hours of operation by  
1059 an employee of the supervisor's office or a sworn law  
1060 enforcement officer.

1061 Section 21. Subsection (2) of section 97.052, Florida  
1062 Statutes, is amended to read:

1063 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

1064 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
1065 must be designed to elicit the following information from the  
1066 applicant:

1067 (a) Last, first, and middle name, including any suffix.

1068 (b) Date of birth.

1069 (c) Address of legal residence.

1070 (d) Mailing address, if different.

1071 (e) E-mail address and whether the applicant wishes to  
1072 receive sample ballots by e-mail.

1073 (f) County of legal residence.

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- 1074 (g) Race or ethnicity that best describes the applicant:  
1075 1. American Indian or Alaskan Native.  
1076 2. Asian or Pacific Islander.  
1077 3. Black, not Hispanic.  
1078 4. White, not Hispanic.  
1079 5. Hispanic.
- 1080 (h) State or country of birth.
- 1081 (i) Sex.
- 1082 (j) Party affiliation.
- 1083 (k) Whether the applicant needs assistance in voting.
- 1084 (l) Name and address where last registered.
- 1085 (m) Last four digits of the applicant's social security  
1086 number.
- 1087 (n) Florida driver license number or the identification  
1088 number from a Florida identification card issued under s.  
1089 322.051.
- 1090 (o) An indication, if applicable, that the applicant has  
1091 not been issued a Florida driver license, a Florida  
1092 identification card, or a social security number.
- 1093 (p) Telephone number (optional).
- 1094 (q) Signature of applicant under penalty for false swearing  
1095 pursuant to s. 104.011, by which the person subscribes to the  
1096 oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the State Constitution and s.  
1097 97.051, and swears or affirms that the information contained in  
1098 the registration application is true.
- 1099 (r) Whether the application is being used for initial  
1100 registration, to update a voter registration record, or to  
1101 request a replacement voter information card.
- 1102 (s) Whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States

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1103 by asking the question "Are you a citizen of the United States  
1104 of America?" and providing boxes for the applicant to check to  
1105 indicate whether the applicant is or is not a citizen of the  
1106 United States.

1107 (t)1. Whether the applicant has never been convicted of a  
1108 felony, and, if convicted, has had his or her civil rights  
1109 restored by including the statement "I affirm I have never been  
1110 am not a convicted of a felony felon, or, if I am, my rights  
1111 relating to voting have been restored." and providing a box for  
1112 the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

1113 2. Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony,  
1114 and if convicted, has had his or her civil rights restored  
1115 through executive clemency, by including the statement "If I  
1116 have been convicted of a felony, I affirm my voting rights have  
1117 been restored by the Board of Executive Clemency." and providing  
1118 a box for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

1119 3. Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony  
1120 and, if convicted, has had his or her voting rights restored  
1121 pursuant s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution, by including  
1122 the statement "If I have been convicted of a felony, I affirm my  
1123 voting rights have been restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of  
1124 the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of my  
1125 sentence, including parole or probation." and providing a box  
1126 for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

1127 (u) Whether the applicant has been adjudicated mentally  
1128 incapacitated with respect to voting or, if so adjudicated, has  
1129 had his or her right to vote restored by including the statement  
1130 "I affirm I have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated  
1131 with respect to voting, or, if I have, my competency has been

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1132 restored." and providing a box for the applicant to check to  
1133 affirm the statement. The registration application must be in  
1134 plain language and designed so that persons who have been  
1135 adjudicated mentally incapacitated are not required to reveal  
1136 their prior adjudication.

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1138 ~~The registration application must be in plain language and~~  
1139 ~~designed so that convicted felons whose civil rights have been~~  
1140 ~~restored and persons who have been adjudicated mentally~~  
1141 ~~incapacitated and have had their voting rights restored are not~~  
1142 ~~required to reveal their prior conviction or adjudication.~~

1143 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
1144 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1145 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

1146 (5) (a) A voter registration application is complete if it  
1147 contains the following information necessary to establish the  
1148 applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:

1149 1. The applicant's name.

1150 2. The applicant's address of legal residence, including a  
1151 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room  
1152 number or other identifier, if appropriate. Failure to include a  
1153 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room or  
1154 other identifier on a voter registration application does not  
1155 impact a voter's eligibility to register to vote or cast a  
1156 ballot, and such an omission may not serve as the basis for a  
1157 challenge to a voter's eligibility or reason to not count a  
1158 ballot.

1159 3. The applicant's date of birth.

1160 4. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant is a



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1161 citizen of the United States.

1162 5.a. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver  
1163 license number or the identification number from a Florida  
1164 identification card issued under s. 322.051, or

1165 b. If the applicant has not been issued a current and valid  
1166 Florida driver license or a Florida identification card, the  
1167 last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

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1169 In case an applicant has not been issued a current and valid  
1170 Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social  
1171 security number, the applicant shall affirm this fact in the  
1172 manner prescribed in the uniform statewide voter registration  
1173 application.

1174 6. A mark in the applicable checkbox affirming that the  
1175 applicant has not been convicted of a felony or that, if  
1176 convicted, has had his or her civil rights restored through  
1177 executive clemency, or has had his or her voting ~~civil~~ rights  
1178 restored pursuant s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.

1179 7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has  
1180 not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to  
1181 voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to  
1182 vote restored.

1183 8. The original signature or a digital signature  
1184 transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
1185 Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the  
1186 penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the  
1187 information contained in the registration application is true  
1188 and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the  
1189 State Constitution and s. 97.051.

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1190 Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
1191 98.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1192 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

1193 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—The supervisor must ensure  
1194 that any eligible applicant for voter registration is registered  
1195 to vote and that each application for voter registration is  
1196 processed in accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine  
1197 whether a voter registration applicant is ineligible based on  
1198 any of the following:

1199 (c) The applicant has been convicted of a felony for which  
1200 his or her voting ~~civil~~ rights have not been restored.

1201 Section 24. Subsections (5) and (6) and paragraph (a) of  
1202 subsection (7) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended  
1203 to read:

1204 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;  
1205 ineligibility determinations.—

1206 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—The department shall identify those  
1207 registered voters who have been convicted of a felony and whose  
1208 voting rights have not been restored by comparing information  
1209 received from, but not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court,  
1210 the Board of Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections,  
1211 the Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's  
1212 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review  
1213 such information and make an initial determination as to whether  
1214 the information is credible and reliable. If the department  
1215 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the  
1216 department shall notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the  
1217 supporting documentation indicating the potential ineligibility  
1218 of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that

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1219 the department has made a determination of initial credibility  
1220 and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures  
1221 set forth in subsection (7) prior to the removal of a registered  
1222 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

1223 (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—If the department or  
1224 supervisor receives information from sources other than those  
1225 identified in subsections (2)-(5) that a registered voter is  
1226 ineligible because he or she is deceased, adjudicated a  
1227 convicted felon without having had his or her voting ~~civil~~  
1228 rights restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without  
1229 having had his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the  
1230 age requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States  
1231 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed a residence that  
1232 is not his or her legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to  
1233 the procedures set forth in subsection (7) prior to the removal  
1234 of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter  
1235 registration system.

1236 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

1237 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information  
1238 pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in  
1239 which the voter is registered shall:

1240 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential  
1241 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or  
1242 information. The notice shall include:

1243 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's  
1244 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon  
1245 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation  
1246 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined  
1247 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as

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1248 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

1249       b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after  
1250 receipt of the notice may result in a determination of  
1251 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from  
1252 the statewide voter registration system.

1253       c. A return form that requires the registered voter to  
1254 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the  
1255 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by  
1256 the supervisor.

1257       d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy  
1258 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
1259 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
1260 determining eligibility.

1261       e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the  
1262 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is  
1263 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

1264       f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights  
1265 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and  
1266 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.  
1267 4., Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony  
1268 conviction, if applicable.

1269       2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the  
1270 supervisor shall publish notice once in a newspaper of general  
1271 circulation in the county in which the voter was last  
1272 registered. The notice shall contain the following:

1273       a. The voter's name and address.

1274       b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to  
1275 be registered to vote.

1276       c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after

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1277 the notice is published may result in a determination of  
1278 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered  
1279 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

1280 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor  
1281 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to  
1282 receive information regarding the basis for the potential  
1283 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

1284 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance  
1285 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections  
1286 of the county in which the voter is registered.

1287 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice  
1288 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor  
1289 shall make a final determination of the voter's eligibility. If  
1290 the supervisor determines that the voter is ineligible, the  
1291 supervisor shall remove the name of the registered voter from  
1292 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall  
1293 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination  
1294 and action.

1295 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to  
1296 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of  
1297 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
1298 supervisor shall make a final determination of ineligibility and  
1299 shall remove the voter's name from the statewide voter  
1300 registration system. The supervisor shall notify the registered  
1301 voter of the supervisor's determination and action.

1302 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued  
1303 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the  
1304 accuracy of the information underlying the potential  
1305 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor

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1306 shall review the evidence and make a final determination of  
1307 eligibility. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the  
1308 supervisor shall send notice to the registered voter to attend a  
1309 hearing at a time and place specified in the notice. Upon  
1310 hearing all evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor  
1311 shall make a determination of eligibility. If the supervisor  
1312 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the  
1313 supervisor shall remove the voter's name from the statewide  
1314 voter registration system and notify the registered voter of the  
1315 supervisor's determination and action.

1316 Section 25. Section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, is created  
1317 to read:

1318 98.0751 Restoration of voting rights; termination of  
1319 ineligibility subsequent to a felony conviction.—

1320 (1) A person who has been disqualified from voting based on  
1321 a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony  
1322 sexual offense must have such disqualification terminated and  
1323 his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of  
1324 the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of his  
1325 or her sentence, including parole or probation. The voting  
1326 disqualification does not terminate unless a person's civil  
1327 rights are restored pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State  
1328 Constitution if the disqualification arises from a felony  
1329 conviction of murder or a felony sexual offense, or if the  
1330 person has not completed all terms of sentence, as specified in  
1331 subsection (2).

1332 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

1333 (a) "Completion of all terms of sentence" means any portion  
1334 of a sentence that is contained in the four corners of the

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1335 sentencing document, including, but not limited to:  
1336 1. Release from any term of imprisonment ordered by the  
1337 court as a part of the sentence;  
1338 2. Termination from any term of probation or community  
1339 control ordered by the court as a part of the sentence;  
1340 3. Fulfillment of any term ordered by the court as a part  
1341 of the sentence;  
1342 4. Termination from any term of any supervision, which is  
1343 monitored by the Florida Commission on Offender Review,  
1344 including, but not limited to, parole; and  
1345 5.a. Full payment of restitution ordered to a victim by the  
1346 court as a part of the sentence. A victim includes, but is not  
1347 limited to, a person or persons, the estate or estates thereof,  
1348 an entity, the state, or the Federal Government.  
1349 b. Full payment of fines or fees ordered by the court as a  
1350 part of the sentence or that are ordered by the court as a  
1351 condition of any form of supervision, including, but not limited  
1352 to, probation, community control, or parole.  
1353 c. The financial obligations required under sub-  
1354 subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. include only the amount  
1355 specifically ordered by the court as part of the sentence and do  
1356 not include any fines, fees, or costs that accrue after the date  
1357 the obligation is ordered as a part of the sentence.  
1358 d. For the limited purpose of addressing a plea for relief  
1359 pursuant to sub-subparagraph e. and notwithstanding any other  
1360 statute, rule, or provision of law, a court may not be  
1361 prohibited from modifying the financial obligations of an  
1362 original sentence required under sub-subparagraph a. or sub-  
1363 subparagraph b. Such modification shall not infringe on a

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1364 defendant's or a victim's rights provided in United States  
1365 Constitution or the State Constitution.

1366 e. Financial obligations required under sub-subparagraph a.  
1367 or sub-subparagraph b. are considered completed in the following  
1368 manner or in any combination thereof:

1369 (I) Actual payment of the obligation in full.

1370 (II) Upon the payee's approval, either through appearance  
1371 in open court or through the production of a notarized consent  
1372 by the payee, the termination by the court of any financial  
1373 obligation to a payee, including, but not limited to, a victim,  
1374 or the court.

1375 (III) Completion of all community service hours, if the  
1376 court, unless otherwise prohibited by law or the State  
1377 Constitution, converts the financial obligation to community  
1378 service.

1379  
1380 A term required to be completed in accordance with this  
1381 paragraph shall be deemed completed if the court modifies the  
1382 original sentencing order to no longer require completion of  
1383 such term. The requirement to pay any financial obligation  
1384 specified in this paragraph is not deemed completed upon  
1385 conversion to a civil lien.

1386 (b) "Felony sexual offense" means any of the following:

1387 1. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to  
1388 registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.  
1389 943.0435;

1390 2. Section 491.0112;

1391 3. Section 784.049(3)(b);

1392 4. Section 794.08;



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1393           5. Section 796.08;  
1394           6. Section 800.101;  
1395           7. Section 826.04;  
1396           8. Section 847.012;  
1397           9. Section 872.06(2);  
1398           10. Section 944.35(3)(b)2.;  
1399           11. Section 951.221(1); or  
1400           12. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction  
1401 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had  
1402 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.  
1403           (c) "Murder" means either of the following:  
1404           1. A violation of any of the following sections which  
1405 results in the actual killing of a human being:  
1406           a. Section 775.33(4).  
1407           b. Section 782.04(1), (2), or (3).  
1408           c. Section 782.09.  
1409           2. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction  
1410 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had  
1411 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.  
1412           (3) (a) The department shall obtain and review information  
1413 pursuant to s. 98.075(5) related to a person who registers to  
1414 vote and make an initial determination on whether such  
1415 information is credible and reliable regarding whether the  
1416 person is eligible pursuant to s. 4., Art. VI of the State  
1417 Constitution and this section. Upon making an initial  
1418 determination of the credibility and reliability of such  
1419 information, the department shall forward such information to  
1420 the supervisor of elections pursuant to s. 98.075.  
1421           (b) A local supervisor of elections shall verify and make a

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1422 final determination pursuant to s. 98.075 regarding whether the  
1423 person who registers to vote is eligible pursuant to s. 4., Art.  
1424 VI of the State Constitution and this section.

1425 (c) The supervisor of elections may request additional  
1426 assistance from the department in making the final  
1427 determination, if necessary.

1428 (4) For the purpose of determining a voter registrant's  
1429 eligibility, the provisions of this section shall be strictly  
1430 construed. If a provision is susceptible to differing  
1431 interpretations, it shall be construed in favor of the  
1432 registrant.

1433 Section 26. Section 104.011, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1434 to read:

1435 104.011 False swearing; submission of false voter  
1436 registration information; prosecution prohibited.—

1437 (1) A person who willfully swears or affirms falsely to any  
1438 oath or affirmation, or willfully procures another person to  
1439 swear or affirm falsely to an oath or affirmation, in connection  
1440 with or arising out of voting or elections commits a felony of  
1441 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
1442 775.083, or s. 775.084.

1443 (2) A person who willfully submits any false voter  
1444 registration information commits a felony of the third degree,  
1445 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1446 (3) A person may not be charged or convicted for a  
1447 violation of this section for affirming that he or she has not  
1448 been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, he or she has  
1449 had voting rights restored, if such violation is alleged to have  
1450 occurred on or after January 8, 2019, but before July 1, 2019.

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1451 Section 27. Section 940.061, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1452 to read:

1453 940.061 Informing persons about executive clemency, ~~and~~  
1454 restoration of civil rights, and restoration of voting rights.—  
1455 The Department of Corrections shall inform and educate inmates  
1456 and offenders on community supervision about the restoration of  
1457 civil rights and the restoration of voting rights resulting from  
1458 the removal of the disqualification to vote pursuant to s. 4,  
1459 Art. VI of the State Constitution. Each month, the Department of  
1460 Corrections shall send to the Florida Commission on Offender  
1461 Review by electronic means a list of the names of inmates who  
1462 have been released from incarceration and offenders who have  
1463 been terminated from supervision who may be eligible for  
1464 restoration of civil rights.

1465 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 944.292, Florida  
1466 Statutes, is amended to read:

1467 944.292 Suspension of civil rights.—

1468 (1) Upon conviction of a felony as defined in s. 10, Art. X  
1469 of the State Constitution, the civil rights of the person  
1470 convicted shall be suspended in Florida until such rights are  
1471 restored by a full pardon, conditional pardon, or restoration of  
1472 civil rights granted pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State  
1473 Constitution. Notwithstanding the suspension of civil rights,  
1474 such a convicted person may obtain restoration of his or her  
1475 voting rights pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State  
1476 Constitution and s. 98.0751.

1477 Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 944.705, Florida  
1478 Statutes, is amended to read:

1479 944.705 Release orientation program.—

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1480 (6) (a) The department shall notify every inmate, ~~in no less~~  
1481 ~~than 18-point type~~ in the inmate's release documents: ~~r~~

1482 1. Of all outstanding terms of the inmate's sentence at the  
1483 time of release to assist the inmate in determining his or her  
1484 status with regard to the completion of all terms of sentence,  
1485 as that term is defined in s. 98.0751. This subparagraph does  
1486 not apply to inmates who are being released from the custody of  
1487 the department to any type of supervision monitored by the  
1488 department; and

1489 2. In not less than 18-point type, that the inmate may be  
1490 sentenced pursuant to s. 775.082(9) if the inmate commits any  
1491 felony offense described in s. 775.082(9) within 3 years after  
1492 the inmate's release. This notice must be prefaced by the word  
1493 "WARNING" in boldfaced type.

1494 (b) ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not preclude ~~precludes~~ the  
1495 sentencing of a person pursuant to s. 775.082(9), and ~~nor shall~~  
1496 evidence that the department failed to provide this notice does  
1497 not prohibit a person from being sentenced pursuant to s.  
1498 775.082(9). The state is ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ required to demonstrate  
1499 that a person received any notice from the department in order  
1500 for the court to impose a sentence pursuant to s. 775.082(9).

1501 Section 30. Present subsection (3) of section 947.24,  
1502 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new  
1503 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

1504 947.24 Discharge from parole supervision or release  
1505 supervision.—

1506 (3) Upon the termination of an offender's term of  
1507 supervision, which is monitored by the commission, including,  
1508 but not limited to, parole, the commission must notify the

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1509 offender in writing of all outstanding terms at the time of  
1510 termination to assist the offender in determining his or her  
1511 status with regard to the completion of all terms of sentence,  
1512 as that term is defined in s. 98.0751.

1513 Section 31. Section 948.041, Florida Statutes, is created  
1514 to read:

1515 948.041 Notification of outstanding terms of sentence upon  
1516 termination of probation or community control.—Upon the  
1517 termination of an offender’s term of probation or community  
1518 control, the department must notify the offender in writing of  
1519 all outstanding terms at the time of termination to assist the  
1520 offender in determining his or her status with regard to the  
1521 completion of all terms of sentence, as that term is defined in  
1522 s. 98.0751.

1523 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 951.29, Florida  
1524 Statutes, is amended to read:

1525 951.29 Procedure for requesting restoration of civil rights  
1526 or restoration of voting rights of county prisoners convicted of  
1527 felonies.—

1528 (1) With respect to a person who has been convicted of a  
1529 felony and is serving a sentence in a county detention facility,  
1530 the administrator of the county detention facility shall provide  
1531 the following to the prisoner, at least 2 weeks before  
1532 discharge, if possible:—

1533 (a) An application form obtained from the Florida  
1534 Commission on Offender Review which the prisoner must complete  
1535 in order to begin the process of having his or her civil rights  
1536 restored;—

1537 (b) Information explaining voting rights restoration

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1538 pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution; and

1539 (c) Written notification of all outstanding terms of the  
1540 prisoner's sentence at the time of release to assist the  
1541 prisoner in determining his or her status with regard to the  
1542 completion of all terms of sentence, as that term is defined in  
1543 s. 98.0751.

1544 Section 33. Restoration of Voting Rights Work Group.—The  
1545 Restoration of Voting Rights Work Group is created within the  
1546 Department of State for the purpose of conducting a  
1547 comprehensive review of the department's process of verifying  
1548 registered voters who have been convicted of a felony, but who  
1549 may be eligible for restoration of voting rights under s. 4,  
1550 Art. VI of the State Constitution.

1551 (1) MEMBERSHIP.—The work group is comprised of the  
1552 following members:

1553 (a) The Secretary of State or his or her designee, who  
1554 shall serve as chair for the work group.

1555 (b) The Secretary of Corrections or his or her designee.

1556 (c) The executive director of the Department of Law  
1557 Enforcement or his or her designee.

1558 (d) The Chairman of the Florida Commission on Offender  
1559 Review or his or her designee.

1560 (e) Two clerks of the circuit court appointed by the  
1561 Governor.

1562 (f) Two supervisors of elections appointed by the Governor.

1563 (2) TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.—Appointments to the work group  
1564 shall be made by August 1, 2019. All members shall serve for the  
1565 duration of the work group. Any vacancy shall be filled by the  
1566 original appointing authority for the remainder of the work

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1567 group's existence.

1568 (3) DUTIES.—The work group is authorized and directed to  
1569 study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review  
1570 of the Department of State's process of verifying registered  
1571 voters who have been convicted of a felony, but who may be  
1572 eligible for restoration of voting rights under s. 4, Art. VI of  
1573 the State Constitution, to develop recommendations for the  
1574 Legislature, related to:

1575 (a) The consolidation of all relevant data necessary to  
1576 verify the eligibility of a registered voter for restoration of  
1577 voting rights under s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution. If  
1578 any entity is recommended to manage the consolidated relevant  
1579 data, the recommendations must provide the feasibility of such  
1580 entity to manage the consolidated relevant data and a timeline  
1581 for implementation of such consolidation.

1582 (b) The process of informing a registered voter of the  
1583 entity or entities that are custodians of the relevant data  
1584 necessary for verifying his or her eligibility for restoration  
1585 of voting rights under s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.

1586 (c) Any other relevant policies or procedures for verifying  
1587 the eligibility of a registered voter for restoration of voting  
1588 rights under s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.

1589 (4) REPORT.—The work group shall submit a report of its  
1590 findings, conclusions, and recommendations for the Legislature  
1591 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
1592 Representatives by November 1, 2019. Upon submission of the  
1593 report, the work group is dissolved and discharged of further  
1594 duties.

1595 (5) STAFFING.—The Department of State shall provide support

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1596 for the work group in performing its duties.

1597 (6) PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Work group members shall  
1598 serve without compensation but are entitled to receive  
1599 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.  
1600 112.061, Florida Statutes.

1601 (7) EXPIRATION.—This section expires January 31, 2020.

1602 Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida  
1603 Statutes, is amended to read:

1604 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
1605 certain first-time voters.—

1606 (2) A voter covered by this section shall be provided with  
1607 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in  
1608 substantially the following form:

1609 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.  
1610 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT  
1611 TO COUNT.

1612 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be  
1613 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
1614 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
1615 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
1616 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
1617 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
1618 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
1619 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
1620 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
1621 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
1622 election.

1623 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
1624 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so



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1625 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1626 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
1627 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
1628 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
1629 that race will not be counted.

1630 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
1631 envelope and seal the envelope.

1632 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
1633 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
1634 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
1635 envelope.

1636 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
1637 Signature).

1638 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
1639 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
1640 your ballot may not be counted.

1641 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
1642 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
1643 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
1644 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
1645 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
1646 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
1647 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
1648 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
1649 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received ~~no~~  
1650 ~~later than the start of canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots,~~  
1651 ~~which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before election day.~~

1652 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
1653 must make a copy of one of the following forms of

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1654 identification:

1655 a. Identification which must include your name and  
1656 photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
1657 military identification; student identification; retirement  
1658 center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
1659 public assistance identification; veteran health identification  
1660 card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;  
1661 a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an  
1662 employee identification card issued by any branch, department,  
1663 agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a  
1664 county, or a municipality; or

1665 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
1666 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
1667 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
1668 voter information ~~identification~~ card).

1669 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
1670 if you meet one of the following requirements:

1671 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

1672 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

1673 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
1674 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
1675 county on election day.

1676 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
1677 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
1678 county on election day.

1679 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
1680 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
1681 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
1682 election day.

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1683 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

1684 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
1685 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
1686 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
1687 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
1688 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR  
1689 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1690 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
1691 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

1692 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
1693 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
1694 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
1695 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
1696 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1697 Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
1698 (5) of section 102.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1699 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;  
1700 persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas;  
1701 unlawful solicitation of voters.-

1702 (4) (a) No person, political committee, or other group or  
1703 organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or  
1704 within 150 ~~100~~ feet of the entrance to any polling place, a  
1705 polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an  
1706 early voting site, or an office of the supervisor ~~of elections~~  
1707 where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand  
1708 for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request  
1709 them. Before the opening of the polling place or early voting  
1710 site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-  
1711 solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.

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1712 (5) No photography is permitted in the polling room or  
1713 early voting area, except an elector may photograph his or her  
1714 own ballot.

1715 Section 36. Present subsections (9) and (10) of section  
1716 102.141, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10)  
1717 and (11), respectively, subsection (2) of that section is  
1718 amended, and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to  
1719 read:

1720 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1721 (2) (a) The county canvassing board shall meet in a building  
1722 accessible to the public in the county where the election  
1723 occurred at a time and place to be designated by the supervisor  
1724 ~~of elections~~ to publicly canvass the absent electors' ballots as  
1725 provided for in s. 101.68 and provisional ballots as provided by  
1726 ss. 101.048, 101.049, and 101.6925. Provisional ballots cast  
1727 pursuant to s. 101.049 shall be canvassed in a manner that votes  
1728 for candidates and issues on those ballots can be segregated  
1729 from other votes. ~~Public notice of the time and place at which~~  
1730 ~~the county canvassing board shall meet to canvass the absent~~  
1731 ~~electors' ballots and provisional ballots shall be given at~~  
1732 ~~least 48 hours prior thereto by publication on the supervisor of~~  
1733 ~~elections' website and once in one or more newspapers of general~~  
1734 ~~circulation in the county or, if there is no newspaper of~~  
1735 ~~general circulation in the county, by posting such notice in at~~  
1736 ~~least four conspicuous places in the county.~~ As soon as the  
1737 absent electors' ballots and the provisional ballots are  
1738 canvassed, the board shall proceed to publicly canvass the vote  
1739 given each candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment, or  
1740 other measure submitted to the electorate of the county, as

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1741 shown by the returns then on file in the office of the  
1742 supervisor ~~of elections~~.

1743 (b) Public notice of the time and place at which the county  
1744 canvassing board shall meet to canvass the absent electors'  
1745 ballots and provisional ballots must be given at least 48 hours  
1746 prior thereto by publication on the supervisor's website and  
1747 published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in  
1748 the county or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation  
1749 in the county, by posting such notice in at least four  
1750 conspicuous places in the county. The time given in the notice  
1751 as to the convening of the meeting of the county canvassing  
1752 board must be specific and may not be a time period during which  
1753 the board may meet.

1754 (c) If the county canvassing board suspends or recesses a  
1755 meeting publicly noticed pursuant to paragraph (b) for a period  
1756 lasting more than 60 minutes, the board must post on the  
1757 supervisor's website the anticipated time at which the board  
1758 expects to reconvene. If the county canvassing board does not  
1759 reconvene at the specified time, the board must provide at least  
1760 2 hours' notice, which must be posted on the supervisor's  
1761 website, before reconvening.

1762 (d) During any meeting of the county canvassing board, a  
1763 physical notice must be placed in a conspicuous area near the  
1764 public entrance to the building in which the meeting is taking  
1765 place. The physical notice must include the names of the  
1766 individuals officially serving as the county canvassing board,  
1767 the names of any alternate members, the time of the meeting, and  
1768 a brief statement as to the anticipated activities of the county  
1769 canvassing board.

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1770           (9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate member of  
1771 the county canvassing board and all clerical help must wear  
1772 identification badges during any period in which the county  
1773 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other  
1774 official duties. The identification badges should be worn in a  
1775 conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of the  
1776 individual and his or her official position.

1777           Section 37. Subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection  
1778 (4) of section 102.166, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1779           102.166 Manual recounts of overvotes and undervotes.—

1780           (2) ~~(a)~~ Any hardware or software used to identify and sort  
1781 overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must  
1782 be certified by the Department of State as part of the voting  
1783 system pursuant to s. 101.015. Any such hardware or software  
1784 must be capable of simultaneously identifying and sorting  
1785 overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while simultaneously  
1786 counting votes.

1787           ~~(b) Overvotes and undervotes must shall be identified and~~  
1788 ~~sorted while recounting ballots pursuant to s. 102.141, if the~~  
1789 ~~hardware or software for this purpose has been certified or the~~  
1790 ~~department's rules so provide.~~

1791           (4)

1792           (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for  
1793 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified  
1794 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication  
1795 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The  
1796 rules shall be consistent, to the extent practicable, and may  
1797 not:

1798           1. Authorize the use of any electronic or electromechanical

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1799 reading device to review a hybrid voting system ballot that is  
1800 produced using a voter interface device and that contains both  
1801 machine-readable fields and machine-printed text of the contest  
1802 titles and voter selections, unless the printed text is  
1803 illegible;

1804 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark or  
1805 designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

1806 ~~3.2.~~ Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify  
1807 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication  
1808 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1809 Section 38. Subsection (8) of section 102.168, Florida  
1810 Statutes, is amended to read:

1811 102.168 Contest of election.—

1812 (8) In any contest that requires a review of the canvassing  
1813 board's decision on the legality of a provisional or vote-by-  
1814 mail ballot pursuant to s. 101.048 or s. 101.68 based upon a  
1815 comparison of the signature of the elector in the registration  
1816 records with the signature on the provisional or vote-by-mail  
1817 voter's certificate or the provisional or vote-by-mail cure  
1818 affidavit ~~and the signature of the elector in the registration~~  
1819 ~~records~~, the circuit court may not review or consider any  
1820 evidence other than the signature of the elector in the  
1821 registration records, the signature on the respective voter's  
1822 certificate or cure affidavit, and any supporting identification  
1823 that the elector submitted with the cure affidavit ~~and the~~  
1824 ~~signature of the elector in the registration records~~. The  
1825 court's review of such issue shall be to determine only if the  
1826 canvassing board abused its discretion in making its decision.

1827 Section 39. Subsection (5) is added to section 104.051,

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1828 Florida Statutes, to read:

1829 104.051 Violations; neglect of duty; corrupt practices.—

1830 (5) Any supervisor who willfully violates any provision of  
1831 the Florida Election Code is, upon a finding of such violation  
1832 by a court of competent jurisdiction, prohibited from receiving  
1833 the special qualification salary pursuant to s. 145.09(3) for a  
1834 period of 24 months, dating from the time of the violation.

1835 Section 40. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1836 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.