

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

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

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

20 101.043 Identification required at polls.—

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22 (b) ~~If the picture identification does not contain the~~
23 ~~signature of the elector, an additional identification that~~
24 ~~provides the elector's signature shall be required.~~ The address
25 appearing on the identification presented by the elector may not

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

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

44 | 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

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

50 | 1. Clear and unambiguous ballot instructions and

51 | directions;

52 | 2. Individual race layout; and

53 | 3. Overall ballot layout.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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