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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Brandes) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (169522) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 22 and 23
5 insert:

6 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 101.131, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 101.131 Watchers at polls.—

9 (1) Each political party and each candidate may have one
10 watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one



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11 time during the election. A political committee formed for the
12 specific purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat
13 of an issue on the ballot may have one watcher for each polling
14 room or early voting area at any one time during the election. A
15 ~~No~~ watcher may not ~~shall be permitted to~~ come closer to the
16 officials' table or the voting booths than is reasonably
17 necessary to properly perform his or her functions, but is each
18 ~~shall be~~ allowed within the polling room or early voting area to
19 watch and observe the conduct of electors and officials. The
20 poll watchers shall furnish their own materials and necessities
21 and may ~~shall~~ not obstruct the orderly conduct of any election.
22 The poll watchers shall pose any questions regarding polling
23 place procedures directly to the clerk for resolution. They may
24 not interact with voters. Each poll watcher must ~~shall~~ be a
25 qualified and registered elector of this state ~~the county in~~
26 ~~which he or she serves.~~

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28 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete line 142

31 and insert:

32 elector's legal residence; amending s. 101.131, F.S.;

33 revising requirements for eligibility to serve as a

34 poll watcher; amending s. 101.5612, F.S.;