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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Williams offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (460984) (with title amendment)

Between lines 1213 and 1214, insert:

Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of section 100.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

(11) (a) An initiative petition form circulated for signature may not be bundled with or attached to any other petition. Each signature shall be dated when made and shall be valid until the next February 1 occurring in an even-numbered year for the purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot for the general election occurring in that same year, provided

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14 all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall submit
15 signed and dated forms to the supervisor of elections for the
16 county of residence listed by the person signing the form for
17 verification of the number of valid signatures obtained. If a
18 signature on a petition is from a registered voter in another
19 county, the supervisor shall notify the petition sponsor of the
20 misfiled petition. The supervisor shall promptly verify the
21 signatures within 60 days after receipt of the petition forms
22 and payment of a fee for the actual cost of signature
23 verification incurred by the supervisor. However, for petition
24 forms submitted less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-
25 numbered year, the supervisor shall promptly verify the
26 signatures within 30 days after receipt of the form and payment
27 of the fee for signature verification. The supervisor shall
28 promptly record, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of
29 State, the date each form is received by the supervisor, and the
30 date the signature on the form is verified as valid. The
31 supervisor may verify that the signature on a form is valid only
32 if:

33 1. The form contains the original signature of the
34 purported elector. A digital signature of the purported elector
35 which complies with the requirements of part I of chapter 668 is
36 considered an original signature for purposes of this
37 requirement.

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38 2. The purported elector has accurately recorded on the
39 form the date on which he or she signed the form.

40 3. The form sets forth the purported elector's name,
41 address, city, county, and voter registration number or date of
42 birth.

43 4. The purported elector is, at the time he or she signs
44 the form and at the time the form is verified, a duly qualified
45 and registered elector in the state.

46 5. The signature was obtained legally, including that if a
47 paid petition circulator was used, the circulator was validly
48 registered under subsection (3) when the signature was obtained.

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50 The supervisor shall retain the signature forms for at least 1
51 year following the election in which the issue appeared on the
52 ballot or until the division notifies the supervisors of
53 elections that the committee that circulated the petition is no
54 longer seeking to obtain ballot position.

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57 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

58 Between lines 1373 and 1374, insert:
59 amending s. 100.371, F.S.; specifying that a digital
60 signature that complies with the Electronic Signature
61 Act of 1996 satisfies the requirement that a petition
62 form must contain an original signature;

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