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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Jones moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 925 and 926

insert:

Section 22. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor shall enclose with each vote-by-mail ballot separate printed instructions in substantially the following form; however, where the instructions appear in capitalized text, the text of the printed instructions must be in bold font:



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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

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

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

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

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

5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing



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41 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

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

44 7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your vote-by-mail ballot to
45 be counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
46 Signature). A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and
47 not be counted if the signature on the voter's certificate does
48 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the
49 time the supervisor of elections in the county in which your
50 precinct is located receives your vote-by-mail ballot is the
51 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the
52 voter's certificate. If you need to update your signature for
53 this election, send your signature update on a voter
54 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that
55 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

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

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

65 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to
66 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote
67 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote
68 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under
69 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.



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70 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 101.67, Florida
71 Statutes, is amended to read:

72 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for
73 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.-

74 (2) ~~Except as provided in s. 101.6952(5),~~ All marked absent
75 electors' ballots to be counted must be postmarked or dated no
76 later than the day of the election and received by the
77 supervisor by 10 days after 7 p.m. the date day of the election.
78 All ballots received thereafter shall be marked with the time
79 and date of receipt and filed in the supervisor's office.

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

82 And the title is amended as follows:

83 Between lines 104 and 105

84 insert:

85 amending s. 101.65, F.S.; revising instructions to
86 absent electors to conform to changes made by the act;
87 amending s. 101.67, F.S.; revising the deadline by
88 which the supervisor must receive a vote-by-mail
89 ballot;