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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Torres) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 18 - 56

and insert:

(1) (a) The supervisor shall accept a request for a vote-by-mail ballot from an elector in person or in writing. One request is shall be deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot for all elections until the elector or the elector's designee notifies the supervisor that the elector rescinds such request ~~through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing~~



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11 ~~regularly scheduled general election~~, unless the elector or the
12 elector's designee indicates at the time the request is made the
13 elections for which the elector desires to receive a vote-by-
14 mail ballot. Such request may be considered canceled when any
15 first-class mail sent by the supervisor to the elector is
16 returned as undeliverable.

17 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
18 101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

20 (2) (a) The county canvassing board may begin the canvassing
21 of vote-by-mail ballots upon the completion of the public
22 testing of automatic tabulating equipment pursuant to s.
23 101.5612(2) at 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election, but
24 must begin such canvassing by no ~~not~~ later than noon on the day
25 following the election. ~~In addition, for any county using~~
26 ~~electronic tabulating equipment, the processing of vote-by-mail~~
27 ~~ballots through such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on~~
28 ~~the 22nd day before the election.~~ However, notwithstanding any
29 such authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise processing
30 vote-by-mail ballots early, no result shall be released until
31 after the closing of the polls in that county on election day.
32 Any supervisor, deputy supervisor, canvassing board member,
33 election board member, or election employee who releases the
34 results of a canvassing or processing of vote-by-mail ballots
35 prior to the closing of the polls in that county on election day
36 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
37 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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40 And the title is amended as follows:

41 Delete lines 3 - 10

42 and insert:

43 101.62, F.S.; authorizing standing vote-by-mail ballot
44 requests until such a request is rescinded by an
45 elector or the elector's designee; amending s. 101.68,
46 F.S.; authorizing the canvassing of vote-by-mail
47 ballots upon the completion of the public preelection
48 testing of automatic tabulating equipment; providing
49 an effective