The Committee on Appropriations (Hutson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment to Amendment (824268) (with title amendment)**

Between lines 594 and 595 insert:

Section 15. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 101.051, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

101.051 Electors seeking assistance in casting ballots; oath to be executed; forms to be furnished.—

(2) It is unlawful for any person to be in the voting booth
with any elector except as provided in subsection (1). A person at a polling place, a secure ballot intake station drop box location, or an early voting site, or within 150 feet of a secure ballot intake station drop box location or the entrance of a polling place or an early voting site, may not solicit any elector in an effort to provide assistance to vote pursuant to subsection (1). Any person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 

(5) If an elector needing assistance requests that a person other than an election official provide him or her with assistance in voting, the clerk or one of the inspectors shall require the person providing assistance to take the following oath:

DECLARATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE

State of Florida  
County of ....  
Date ....  
Precinct ....  

I, ...(Print name)..., have been requested by ...(print name of elector needing assistance)... to provide him or her with assistance to vote. I swear or affirm that I am not the employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the union of the voter and that I have not solicited this voter at the polling place, secure ballot intake station drop box location, or early voting site or within 150 feet of such
locations in an effort to provide assistance.

...(Signature of assistor)...

Sworn and subscribed to before me this .... day of ....,
...(year)....

...(Signature of Official Administering Oath)...

Section 16. 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:

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 reach the supervisor of elections of the county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the 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 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 17. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 101.69, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—
(2)(a) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has received a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor by placing the return mail envelope containing his or her marked ballot in a secure ballot intake station drop box. Secure ballot intake stations drop boxes shall be placed at the main office of the supervisor, at each permanent branch office of the supervisor, and at each early voting site. Secure ballot intake stations drop boxes may also be placed at any other site that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site under s. 101.657(1). Secure ballot intake stations drop boxes must be geographically located so as to
provide all voters in the county with an equal opportunity to
cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable. Except for secure
ballot intake stations drop boxes at an office of the
supervisor, a secure ballot intake station drop box may only be
used during the county’s early voting hours of operation and
must be monitored in person by an employee of the supervisor’s
office except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b). Except as
otherwise provided in paragraph (b), a secure ballot intake
station drop box at an office of the supervisor must be
continuously monitored in person by an employee of the
supervisor’s office when the secure ballot intake station drop
box is accessible for deposit of ballots.

(b) In lieu of the requirement that a secure ballot intake
station be continuously monitored in person by an employee of
the supervisor’s office when the station is in operation as
provided in paragraph (a), a supervisor may install video
surveillance cameras at the location that must be operational
when the secure ballot intake station location is accessible for
the deposit of ballots. Any such cameras must be placed in a
location at each secure ballot intake station that shows each
secure ballot intake device and allows for the recording of each
person’s face as he or she deposits any ballot into such device.
All video footage of secure ballot intake station locations
operated during an election must be collected and retained by
the supervisor pursuant to s. 101.545. In a clearly visible
location at each secure ballot intake station that is subject to
this paragraph, a notice in the following form must be posted:

This secure ballot intake station is being monitored
by video surveillance. Under s. 104.0616, Florida Statutes, any person who distributes, orders, requests, collects, delivers, or otherwise physically possesses more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election in addition to his or her own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member, except for specific circumstances provided in state law, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 5 years and a fine of up to $5,000.

(c) A supervisor shall designate each secure ballot intake station drop box site at least 30 days before an election. The supervisor shall provide the address of each secure ballot intake station drop box location to the division at least 30 days before an election. After a secure ballot intake station drop box location has been designated, it may not be moved or changed except as approved by the division to correct a violation of this subsection.

(d)1. (c)1. On each day of early voting, all secure ballot intake stations drop boxes must be emptied at the end of early voting hours and all ballots retrieved from the secure ballot intake stations drop boxes must be returned to the supervisor’s office.

2. For secure ballot intake stations drop boxes located at an office of the supervisor, all ballots must be retrieved before the secure ballot intake station drop box is no longer monitored by an employee of the supervisor or by video surveillance.
3. Employees of the supervisor must comply with procedures for the chain of custody of ballots as required by s. 101.015(4).

(3) If any secure ballot intake station drop box is left accessible for ballot receipt other than as authorized by this section, the supervisor is subject to a civil penalty of $25,000. The division is authorized to enforce this provision.

Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities; persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas; unlawful solicitation of voters.—

(4)(a) No person, political committee, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 150 feet of a secure ballot intake station drop box or the entrance to any polling place, a polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the supervisor where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request them. Before the opening of a secure ballot intake station drop box location, a polling place, or an early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 955 and insert:

residence; amending ss. 101.051, 101.65, 101.69, and
102.031, F.S.; updating terminology for “secure drop boxes” with “secure ballot intake stations”; authorizing supervisors to place video surveillance monitoring at secure ballot intake station locations in lieu of in-person monitoring; specifying requirements; amending s. 101.5614, F.S.; requiring