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Senator Jones moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 942 - 988

and insert:

Section 25. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to balance the security of vote-by-mail balloting with voter privacy, election transparency and, most importantly, accessibility. The Legislature finds that vote-by-mail balloting is essential to fair and accessible elections for all Floridians and further modifications to procedures governing vote-by-mail balloting should prioritize the public's right to participate in



12 election processes. To achieve this purpose, the Legislature
13 directs the Department of State to provide a plan to expand
14 vote-by-mail balloting across the state while maintaining
15 election integrity and increasing access.

16 (2) The Department of State shall review issues involving
17 the feasibility, development, and implementation of such a plan,
18 including issues related to:

19 (a) In coordination with agencies such as the Department of
20 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, updating addresses and other
21 contact information for each registered voter who does not have
22 such information on file in the Florida Voter Registration
23 System.

24 (b) Updating such information in the Florida Voter
25 Registration System.

26 (c) In coordination with the supervisors of elections, any
27 deficiencies in the vote-by-mail process, including the need for
28 additional drop-box locations and streamlined vote-by-mail
29 ballot instructions.

30 (d) Protecting personal information submitted with a vote-
31 by-mail ballot.

32 (e) Any necessary modifications to canvassing procedures
33 for vote-by-mail ballots.

34 (e) Costs associated with development and implementation of
35 the plan.

36 (f) A proposal for a program to educate electors on changes
37 to the vote-by-mail process and encourage vote-by-mail balloting
38 for those with limited access to voting sites, including
39 prioritizing the elderly, the disabled, and individuals in rural
40 communities.



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41 (3) In the course of reviewing the required issues, the
42 Department of State must, at a minimum:
43 (a) Review relevant processes of other states.
44 (b) Review relevant federal law.
45 (c) Seek input from supervisors of elections, which must
46 include representation from supervisors of counties with large,
47 medium, and small populations.
48 (4) By January 1, 2023, the Department of State shall
49 submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
50 House of Representatives a report on the plan and draft
51 legislation for any statutory changes needed to implement the
52 plan, including any necessary public records exemptions.