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Senator Hutson moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (17) of section 97.012, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.—The  
Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state,  
and it is his or her responsibility to:

(17) Provide mandatory formal signature matching training  
to supervisors of elections and county canvassing board members.



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12 Any person whose duties require verification of signatures must  
13 undergo signature matching training. The department shall adopt  
14 rules governing signature matching procedures and training.

15 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section  
16 97.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

18 (3) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
19 must also contain:

20 (g) A statement informing the applicant that if the  
21 application is being collected by a third-party voter  
22 registration organization, the organization might not deliver  
23 the application to the division or the supervisor in the county  
24 in which the applicant resides in less than 10 ~~14~~ days or before  
25 registration closes for the next ensuing election, and that the  
26 applicant may instead elect to deliver the application in person  
27 or by mail or choose to register online. The statement must  
28 further inform the applicant how to determine whether the  
29 application has been delivered.

30 Section 3. Subsection (13) of section 97.057, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

32 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
33 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

34 (13) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
35 must assist the Department of State in regularly identifying  
36 changes in residence address on the driver license or  
37 identification card of a voter. The Department of State must  
38 report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of  
39 elections who must change the voter's registration records in  
40 accordance with s. 98.065(4) ~~s. 98.065(5)~~.



41 Section 4. Section 97.0575, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
42 read:

43 97.0575 Third-party voter registration organizations  
44 registrations.—

45 (1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a  
46 third-party voter registration organization must register and  
47 provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following  
48 information:

49 (a) The names of the officers of the organization and the  
50 name and permanent address of the organization.

51 (b) The name and address of the organization's registered  
52 agent in the state.

53 (c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary  
54 addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering  
55 persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization.  
56 This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit  
57 applications and do not collect or handle voter registration  
58 applications.

59 (d) Beginning November 6, 2024, the specific general  
60 election cycle for which the third-party voter registration  
61 organization is registering persons to vote.

62 (e) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling  
63 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party  
64 voter registration organization has not been convicted of a  
65 felony violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an  
66 offense specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in  
67 s. 98.0751(2)(b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in  
68 chapter 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837. A third-party voter  
69 registration organization is liable for a fine in the amount of



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70 \$50,000 for each such person who has been convicted of a felony  
71 violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an offense  
72 specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in s.  
73 98.0751(2) (b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in chapter  
74 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837 who is collecting or handling  
75 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party  
76 voter registration organization.

77 (f) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling  
78 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party  
79 voter registration organization is a citizen of the United  
80 States of America. A third-party voter registration organization  
81 is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each such  
82 person who is not a citizen and is collecting or handling voter  
83 registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter  
84 registration organization.

85 (2) Beginning November 6, 2024, the registration of a  
86 third-party voter registration organization automatically  
87 expires at the conclusion of the specific general election cycle  
88 for which the third-party voter registration organization is  
89 registered.

90 (3) ~~(2)~~ The division or the supervisor of elections shall  
91 make voter registration forms available to third-party voter  
92 registration organizations. All such forms must contain  
93 information identifying the organization to which the forms are  
94 provided. The division shall maintain a database of all third-  
95 party voter registration organizations and the voter  
96 registration forms assigned to the third-party voter  
97 registration organization. Each supervisor of elections shall  
98 provide to the division information on voter registration forms



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99 assigned to and received from third-party voter registration  
100 organizations. The information must be provided in a format and  
101 at times as required by the division by rule. The division shall  
102 ~~must~~ update information on third-party voter registrations daily  
103 and make the information publicly available.

104 (4) A third-party voter registration organization that  
105 collects voter registration applications shall provide a receipt  
106 to an applicant upon accepting possession of his or her  
107 application. The division shall adopt by rule a uniform format  
108 for the receipt by October 1, 2023. The format must include, but  
109 need not be limited to, the name of the applicant, the date the  
110 application is received, the name of the third-party voter  
111 registration organization, the name of the registration agent,  
112 the applicant's political party affiliation, and the county in  
113 which the applicant resides.

114 (5) (a) ~~(3) (a)~~ A third-party voter registration organization  
115 that collects voter registration applications serves as a  
116 fiduciary to the applicant and shall ensure, ~~ensuring~~ that any  
117 voter registration application entrusted to the organization,  
118 irrespective of party affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender,  
119 is ~~must be~~ promptly delivered to the division or the supervisor  
120 of elections in the county in which the applicant resides within  
121 10 ~~14~~ days after the application is ~~was~~ completed by the  
122 applicant, but not after registration closes for the next  
123 ensuing election. If a voter registration application collected  
124 by any third-party voter registration organization is not  
125 promptly delivered to the division or supervisor of elections in  
126 the county in which the applicant resides, the third-party voter  
127 registration organization is liable for the following fines:



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128           1. A fine in the amount of \$50 per each day late, up to  
129 \$2,500, for each application received by the division or the  
130 supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant  
131 resides more than 10 ~~14~~ days after the applicant delivered the  
132 completed voter registration application to the third-party  
133 voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent  
134 acting on its behalf. A fine in the amount of \$2,500 ~~\$250~~ for  
135 each application received if the third-party voter registration  
136 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf  
137 acted willfully.

138           2. A fine in the amount of \$100 per each day late, up to  
139 \$5,000, for each application collected by a third-party voter  
140 registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting  
141 on its behalf, before book closing for any given election for  
142 federal or state office and received by the division or the  
143 supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant  
144 resides after the book-closing deadline for such election. A  
145 fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$500~~ for each application received  
146 if the third-party voter registration organization or any  
147 person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

148           3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application  
149 collected by a third-party voter registration organization or  
150 any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not  
151 submitted to the division or supervisor of elections in the  
152 county in which the applicant resides. A fine in the amount of  
153 \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~ for any application not submitted if the third-  
154 party voter registration organization or person, entity, or  
155 agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

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157 The aggregate fine which may be assessed pursuant to this  
158 paragraph ~~which may be assessed~~ against a third-party voter  
159 registration organization, including affiliate organizations,  
160 for violations committed in a calendar year is \$250,000 ~~\$50,000~~.

161 (b) A showing by the third-party voter registration  
162 organization that the failure to deliver the voter registration  
163 application within the required timeframe is based upon force  
164 majeure or impossibility of performance shall be an affirmative  
165 defense to a violation of this subsection. The secretary may  
166 waive the fines described in this subsection upon a showing that  
167 the failure to deliver the voter registration application  
168 promptly is based upon force majeure or impossibility of  
169 performance.

170 ~~(6)(4)~~ If a person collecting voter registration  
171 applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration  
172 organization alters the voter registration application of any  
173 other person, without the other person's knowledge and consent,  
174 in violation of s. 104.012(4) and is subsequently convicted of  
175 such offense, the applicable third-party voter registration  
176 organization is liable for a fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~  
177 for each application altered.

178 (7) If a person collecting voter registration applications  
179 on behalf of a third-party voter registration organization  
180 copies a voter's application or retains a voter's personal  
181 information, such as the voter's Florida driver license number,  
182 Florida identification card number, social security number, or  
183 signature, for any reason other than to provide such application  
184 or information to the third-party voter registration  
185 organization in compliance with this section, the person commits



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186 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
187 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

188 (8)~~(5)~~ If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a  
189 person has committed a violation of this section, the secretary  
190 may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement.  
191 The Attorney General may institute a civil action for a  
192 violation of this section or to prevent a violation of this  
193 section. An action for relief may include a permanent or  
194 temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other  
195 appropriate order.

196 (9)~~(6)~~ The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit  
197 specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from  
198 a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third-  
199 party voter registration organization but who does not appear as  
200 an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division  
201 shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the  
202 registration process, including controls to ensure that all  
203 completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or a  
204 supervisor in the county in which the applicant resides.

205 (10)~~(7)~~ The date on which an applicant signs a voter  
206 registration application is presumed to be the date on which the  
207 third-party voter registration organization received or  
208 collected the voter registration application.

209 (11) A third-party voter registration organization may not  
210 mail or otherwise provide a voter registration application upon  
211 which any information about an applicant has been filled in  
212 before it is provided to the applicant. A third-party voter  
213 registration organization that violates this section is liable  
214 for a fine in the amount of \$50 for each such application.





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215        ~~(12)(8)~~ The requirements of this section are retroactive  
216 for any third-party voter registration organization registered  
217 with the department as of July 1, 2023 ~~on the effective date of~~  
218 ~~this act~~, and must be complied with within 90 days after the  
219 department provides notice to the third-party voter registration  
220 organization of the requirements contained in this section.  
221 Failure of the third-party voter registration organization to  
222 comply with the requirements within 90 days after receipt of the  
223 notice shall automatically result in the cancellation of the  
224 third-party voter registration organization's registration.

225        Section 5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 97.071,  
226 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

227        97.071 Voter information card.—

228        (1) A voter information card must ~~shall~~ be furnished by the  
229 supervisor to all registered voters residing in the supervisor's  
230 county. The card must contain:

231        (a) Voter's registration number.

232        (b) Date of registration.

233        (c) Full name.

234        (d) Party affiliation.

235        (e) Date of birth.

236        (f) Address of legal residence.

237        (g) Precinct number.

238        (h) Polling place address and a link to the supervisor's  
239 website to provide the most current polling place locations.

240        (i) Name of supervisor and contact information of  
241 supervisor.

242        (j) The following statement: "This card is for information  
243 purposes only. This card is proof of registration but is not



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244 legal verification of eligibility to vote. It is the  
245 responsibility of a voter to keep his or her eligibility status  
246 current. A voter may confirm his or her eligibility to vote with  
247 the Department of State."

248 (k)~~(j)~~ Other information deemed necessary by the  
249 supervisor.

250 (3) In the case of a change of name, address of legal  
251 residence, polling place address, or party affiliation, the  
252 supervisor shall issue the voter a new voter information card. A  
253 temporary change made to a polling location pursuant to ss.  
254 101.71 and 101.74 does not require the issuance of a new voter  
255 information card.

256 Section 6. The amendments made to s. 97.071, Florida  
257 Statutes, by this act, only apply to new and replacement voter  
258 information cards issued on or after July 1, 2023.

259 Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), and (4), paragraph (c) of  
260 subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
261 98.065, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (6)  
262 is added to that section, to read:

263 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.-

264 (2) A supervisor must incorporate one or more of the  
265 following procedures in the supervisor's annual registration  
266 list maintenance program under which the supervisor shall:

267 (a) Use change-of-address information supplied by the  
268 United States Postal Service through its licensees to identify  
269 registered voters whose addresses might have changed.

270 Additionally, in odd-numbered years, unless the supervisor is  
271 conducting the procedure specified in paragraph (b), the  
272 supervisor must identify change-of-address information from



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273 address confirmation final notices ~~returned nonforwardable~~  
274 ~~return-if-undeliverable address confirmation requests~~ mailed to  
275 all registered voters who have not voted in the preceding two  
276 general elections or any intervening election and who have not  
277 made a request that their registration records be updated during  
278 that time; or

279 (b) Identify change-of-address information from returned  
280 nonforwardable ~~return-if-undeliverable~~ address confirmation  
281 requests ~~mail~~ sent to all registered voters in the county.

282 ~~(3) Address confirmation requests sent pursuant to~~  
283 ~~paragraph (2) (a) and mail sent pursuant to paragraph (b) must be~~  
284 ~~addressed to the voter's address of legal residence, not~~  
285 ~~including voters temporarily residing outside the county and~~  
286 ~~registered in the precinct designated by the supervisor pursuant~~  
287 ~~to s. 101.045(1). If a request is returned as undeliverable, any~~  
288 ~~other notification sent to the voter pursuant to subsection (5)~~  
289 ~~or s. 98.0655 must be addressed to the voter's mailing address~~  
290 ~~on file, if any.~~

291 ~~(3) (4)~~ A registration list maintenance program must be  
292 conducted by each supervisor, at a minimum, once each year,  
293 beginning no later than April 1, and must be completed at least  
294 ~~not later than~~ 90 days before the date of any federal election.  
295 All list maintenance actions associated with each voter must be  
296 entered, tracked, recorded, and maintained in the statewide  
297 voter registration system.

298 ~~(4) (5)~~

299 (c) If an address confirmation request required by  
300 paragraph (2) (b) ~~(2) (a)~~ is returned as undeliverable without  
301 indication of an address change, ~~or there is no response from~~



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302 ~~the voter within 30 days,~~ or if any other nonforwardable return-  
303 if-undeliverable mail is returned as undeliverable with no  
304 indication of an address change, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ send  
305 an address confirmation final notice to ~~all addresses on file~~  
306 ~~for~~ the voter.

307 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual  
308 review of voter registration records to identify registration  
309 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may  
310 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those  
311 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has  
312 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the  
313 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant  
314 to s. 98.075(6) and (7).

315 (7) (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year,  
316 the supervisor must certify to the department the address list  
317 maintenance activities conducted during the first 6 months and  
318 the second 6 months of the year, respectively, including the  
319 number of address confirmation requests sent, the number of  
320 voters designated as inactive, and the number of voters removed  
321 from the statewide voter registration system.

322 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
323 98.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

324 98.0655 Registration list maintenance forms.—The department  
325 shall prescribe registration list maintenance forms to be used  
326 by the supervisors which must include:

327 (1) An address confirmation request that must contain:

328 ~~(c) If the address confirmation request is required by s.~~  
329 ~~98.065(2)(a), a statement that if the voter has not changed his~~  
330 ~~or her legal residence or has changed his or her legal residence~~



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331 ~~within the state, the voter should return the form within 30~~  
332 ~~days after the date on which the notice was sent to the voter;~~  
333 and

334 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and subsections  
335 (3) through (8) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended  
336 to read:

337 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;  
338 ineligibility determinations.—

339 (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.—

340 (c) Information received by the department from another  
341 state or the District of Columbia upon the department becoming a  
342 member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph  
343 (b)1., which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of  
344 that state or the District of Columbia, is exempt from s.  
345 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The  
346 department shall provide such information to the supervisors to  
347 conduct registration list maintenance activities. ~~This paragraph~~  
348 ~~is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in~~  
349 ~~accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,~~  
350 ~~2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment~~  
351 ~~by the Legislature.~~

352 (3) DECEASED PERSONS.—

353 (a)1. The department shall identify those registered voters  
354 who are deceased by comparing information received from:

355 a. The Department of Health as provided in s. 98.093;

356 b. The United States Social Security Administration,  
357 including, but not limited to, any master death file or index  
358 compiled by the United States Social Security Administration;  
359 and



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360 c. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

361 2. Within 7 days after receipt of such information through  
362 the statewide voter registration system, the supervisor shall  
363 remove the name of the registered voter.

364 (b) The supervisor shall remove the name of a deceased  
365 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
366 within 7 days after ~~upon~~ receipt of a copy of a death  
367 certificate issued by a governmental agency authorized to issue  
368 death certificates.

369 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department shall  
370 identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated  
371 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not  
372 had their voting rights restored by comparing information  
373 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.  
374 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an  
375 initial determination as to whether the information is credible  
376 and reliable. If the department determines that the information  
377 is credible and reliable, the department must ~~shall~~ notify the  
378 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation  
379 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be  
380 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has  
381 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the  
382 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
383 subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the removal of a registered voter  
384 from the statewide voter registration system.

385 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

386 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters  
387 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have  
388 not been restored by comparing information received from, but



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389 not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of  
390 Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the  
391 Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's  
392 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review  
393 such information and make an initial determination as to whether  
394 the information is credible and reliable. If the department  
395 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the  
396 department must ~~shall~~ notify the supervisor and provide a copy  
397 of the supporting documentation indicating the potential  
398 ineligibility of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the  
399 notice that the department has made a determination of initial  
400 credibility and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the  
401 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the  
402 removal of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter  
403 registration system.

404 (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective  
405 clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093  
406 to identify registered voters within their respective  
407 jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the  
408 preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.  
409 The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
410 subsection (7) before the removal of a registered voter's name  
411 from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes of  
412 this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (7) begin  
413 upon his or her determination that the information received from  
414 the clerk is credible and reliable.

415 (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—Subsections (2)-(5) do  
416 not limit or restrict the department or the supervisor in his or  
417 her duty to act upon direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge



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418 of information from any governmental entity that identifies a  
419 registered voter as potentially ineligible. If the department or  
420 supervisor receives information from any governmental entity  
421 ~~sources~~ other than those identified in subsections (2)-(5) that  
422 a registered voter is ineligible because the voter ~~he or she~~ is  
423 deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his  
424 or her voting rights restored, adjudicated mentally  
425 incapacitated without having had his or her voting rights  
426 restored, does not meet the age requirement pursuant to s.  
427 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a fictitious person,  
428 or has listed an address ~~a residence~~ that is not his or her  
429 address of legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to the  
430 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the  
431 removal of the name of a registered voter who is determined to  
432 be ineligible ~~a registered voter's name~~ from the statewide voter  
433 registration system.

434 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

435 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information  
436 pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in  
437 which the voter is registered must ~~shall~~:

438 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential  
439 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or  
440 information. The notice must ~~shall~~ include:

441 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's  
442 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon  
443 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation  
444 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined  
445 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as  
446 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.





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447           b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after  
448 receipt of the notice may result in a determination of  
449 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from  
450 the statewide voter registration system.

451           c. A return form that requires the registered voter to  
452 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the  
453 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by  
454 the supervisor.

455           d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy  
456 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
457 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
458 determining eligibility.

459           e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the  
460 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is  
461 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

462           f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights  
463 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and  
464 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.  
465 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony  
466 conviction, if applicable.

467           g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
468 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
469 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
470 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
471 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
472 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
473 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
474 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
475 evidence that you are eligible to vote."



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476           2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the  
477 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned  
478 notice, either publish ~~shall publish~~ notice once in a newspaper  
479 of general circulation in the county in which the voter was last  
480 registered or publish notice on the county's website as provided  
481 in s. 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed  
482 appropriate by the supervisor. The notice must ~~shall~~ contain the  
483 following:

484           a. The voter's name and address.

485           b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to  
486 be registered to vote.

487           c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after  
488 the notice is published may result in a determination of  
489 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered  
490 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

491           d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor  
492 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to  
493 receive information regarding the basis for the potential  
494 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

495           e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance  
496 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections  
497 of the county in which the voter is registered.

498           f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of  
499 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
500 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
501 determining eligibility.

502           g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
503 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
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506 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
507 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
508 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
509 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
510 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

511       3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice  
512 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor  
513 must ~~shall~~ make a final determination of the voter's eligibility  
514 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to  
515 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is  
516 ineligible, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ remove the name of the  
517 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
518 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter  
519 of the supervisor's determination and action.

520       4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to  
521 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of  
522 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
523 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, ~~shall~~ make a final  
524 determination of ineligibility and ~~shall~~ remove the voter's name  
525 from the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor  
526 shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's  
527 determination and action.

528       5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued  
529 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the  
530 accuracy of the information underlying the potential  
531 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor  
532 must ~~shall~~ review the evidence and make a ~~final~~ determination of  
533 eligibility no later than 30 days after receiving the response



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534 from the voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered  
535 voter is ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name  
536 from the statewide voter registration system upon such  
537 determination and notify the registered voter of the  
538 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter  
539 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant  
540 to s. 98.0755. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the  
541 supervisor must ~~shall~~ send notice to the registered voter to  
542 attend a hearing at a time and place specified in the notice.  
543 The supervisor shall schedule and issue notice for the hearing  
544 within 7 days after receiving the voter's request for a hearing  
545 and shall hold the hearing no later than 30 days after issuing  
546 the notice of the hearing. A voter may request an extension upon  
547 showing good cause by submitting an affidavit to the supervisor  
548 as to why he or she is unable to attend the scheduled hearing.  
549 Upon hearing all evidence presented at the hearing, the  
550 supervisor shall make a determination of eligibility within 7  
551 days. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is  
552 ineligible, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ remove the voter's name  
553 from the statewide voter registration system and notify the  
554 registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action  
555 and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a determination  
556 of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755.

557 (b) The following ~~shall~~ apply to this subsection:

558 1. All determinations of eligibility must ~~shall~~ be based on  
559 a preponderance of the evidence.

560 2. All proceedings are exempt from ~~the provisions of~~  
561 chapter 120.

562 3. Any notice must ~~shall~~ be sent to the registered voter by



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563 certified mail, return receipt requested, or other means that  
564 provides a verification of receipt or must ~~shall~~ be published in  
565 a newspaper of general circulation where the voter was last  
566 registered, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311,  
567 or on the supervisor's website, whichever is applicable.

568 4. The supervisor shall remove the name of any registered  
569 voter from the statewide voter registration system only after  
570 the supervisor makes a final determination that the voter is  
571 ineligible to vote.

572 5. Any voter whose name has been removed from the statewide  
573 voter registration system pursuant to a determination of  
574 ineligibility may appeal that determination under ~~the provisions~~  
575 ~~of~~ s. 98.0755.

576 6. Any voter whose name was removed from the statewide  
577 voter registration system on the basis of a determination of  
578 ineligibility who subsequently becomes eligible to vote must  
579 reregister in order to have his or her name restored to the  
580 statewide voter registration system.

581 (8) CERTIFICATION.—

582 (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the  
583 supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor  
584 has ~~the activities~~ conducted the activities required pursuant to  
585 this section during the first 6 months and the second 6 months  
586 of the year, respectively. The certification must ~~shall~~ include  
587 the number of persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to  
588 subsection (7), the number of persons who responded to the  
589 notices, the number of notices returned as undeliverable, the  
590 number of notices published in the newspaper, on the county's  
591 website, or on the supervisor's website, the number of hearings



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592 conducted, and the number of persons removed from the statewide  
593 voter registration system ~~systems~~ and the reasons for such  
594 removals.

595 (b) If, based on the certification provided pursuant to  
596 paragraph (a), the department determines that a supervisor has  
597 not satisfied the requirements of this section, the department  
598 shall satisfy the appropriate requirements for that county.  
599 Failure to satisfy the requirements of this section constitutes  
600 ~~shall constitute~~ a violation of s. 104.051.

601 Section 10. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section  
602 98.077, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

603 98.077 Update of voter signature.—

604 (2) The ~~department and~~ supervisors of elections shall  
605 include in any correspondence, other than postcard notifications  
606 and notices relating to eligibility, sent to a registered voter  
607 information regarding when, where, and how to update the voter's  
608 signature and shall provide the voter information on how to  
609 obtain a voter registration application from a voter  
610 registration official which can be returned to update the  
611 signature.

612 (3) At least once during each general election year before  
613 the presidential preference primary or the primary election,  
614 whichever occurs first, the supervisor shall publish in a  
615 newspaper of general circulation or other newspaper in the  
616 county, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on  
617 the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the  
618 supervisor, a notice specifying when, where, or how a voter can  
619 update his or her signature that is on file and how a voter can  
620 obtain a voter registration application from a voter



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621 registration official.

622 (4) Except as authorized in ss. 101.048 and 101.68:

623 (a) All signature updates for use in verifying vote-by-mail  
624 voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter certificates,  
625 or petitions ~~ballots~~ must be received by the appropriate  
626 supervisor before the voter's ~~elector's~~ ballot is received by  
627 the supervisor or, in the case of provisional ballots, before  
628 the voter's ~~elector's~~ ballot is cast or, in the case of a  
629 petition, before the petition is submitted for signature  
630 verification.

631 (b) The signature on file at the time the vote-by-mail  
632 ballot is received, ~~or~~ at the time the provisional ballot is  
633 cast, or at the time a petition is reviewed is the signature  
634 that must ~~shall~~ be used in verifying the signature on the vote-  
635 by-mail voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter  
636 certificates, or petitions, respectively. For signatures  
637 requiring secondary or tertiary review, older signatures from  
638 previous registration updates may be used.

639 Section 11. Section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
640 read:

641 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to  
642 deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,  
643 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United  
644 States citizens.-

645 (1) DUTIES.-In order to identify ineligible registered  
646 voters and maintain accurate and current voter registration  
647 records in the statewide voter registration system pursuant to  
648 procedures in s. 98.065 or s. 98.075, it is necessary for the  
649 department and supervisors of elections to receive or access



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650 certain information from state and federal officials and  
651 entities in the format prescribed.

652 ~~(2)~~ To the maximum extent feasible, state and local  
653 government agencies shall facilitate provision of information  
654 and access to data to the department, including, but not limited  
655 to, databases that contain reliable criminal records and records  
656 of deceased persons. State and local government agencies that  
657 provide such data must ~~shall~~ do so without charge if the direct  
658 cost incurred by those agencies is not significant.

659 (2)(a) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—The Department of Health shall  
660 furnish weekly ~~monthly~~ to the department a list containing the  
661 name, address, date of birth, date of death, social security  
662 number, race, and sex of each deceased person 17 years of age or  
663 older whose death was reported during the preceding week.

664 (3)(b) CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.—Each clerk of the  
665 circuit court shall furnish weekly to the department and to the  
666 supervisors in their respective jurisdictions the following  
667 information ~~monthly to the department:~~

668 (a)1. Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons who  
669 have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to  
670 voting during the preceding week and ~~calendar month, a list of~~  
671 those persons whose mental capacity with respect to voting has  
672 been restored during the preceding week. The information must  
673 include each person's name; address; date of birth; race; sex;  
674 and, if available, his or her Florida driver license number or  
675 Florida identification card number or the last four digits of  
676 his or her social security number. The clerk shall provide the  
677 information to the department to assist a supervisor in  
678 identifying registered voters in his or her county who are





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679 adjudicated mentally incapacitated outside of his or her county  
680 pursuant to s. 98.075(4).

681 (b) Information identifying calendar month, and a list of  
682 those persons who have responded to returned signed jury notices  
683 during the preceding week from months to the clerk of the  
684 circuit court and whose response indicated indicating a change  
685 of address. The information must Each list shall include each  
686 person's the name; ; address; ; date of birth; ; race; ; sex; ; and,  
687 if whichever is available, the Florida driver license number or  
688 Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of  
689 his or her social security number of each such person.

690 (c)2. Information on the terms of sentence for felony  
691 convictions, including any financial obligations for court  
692 costs, fees, and fines, of all persons listed in the clerk's  
693 records whose last known address in the clerk's records is  
694 within this state and who have been convicted of a felony during  
695 the preceding week month. The information may be provided to the  
696 supervisor directly by the clerk individual clerks of the  
697 circuit court or may be provided on the clerk's their behalf  
698 through the Comprehensive Case Information System. The clerk  
699 shall provide the information to the department to assist a  
700 supervisor in identifying registered voters in his or her county  
701 who are adjudicated of a felony outside of his or her county.

702 For each felony conviction reported, the information must  
703 include:

704 1.a. The full name; ; last known address; ; date of birth; ;  
705 race; ; sex; ; and, if available, the Florida driver license  
706 number or Florida identification card number, as applicable; ;  
707 and the last four digits of the social security number of the



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708 person convicted.

709 ~~2.b.~~ The amounts of all financial obligations, including  
710 restitution and court costs, fees, and fines, and, if known, the  
711 amount of financial obligations not yet satisfied.

712 ~~3.e.~~ The county in which the conviction occurred.

713 ~~4.d.~~ The statute number violated, statute table text, date  
714 of conviction, and case number.

715 ~~(4)(e)~~ UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.—Upon receipt of information  
716 from the United States Attorney, listing persons convicted of a  
717 felony in federal court, the department shall use such  
718 information to identify registered voters or applicants for  
719 voter registration who may be potentially ineligible based on  
720 information provided in accordance with s. 98.075.

721 ~~(5)(d)~~ DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The Department of Law  
722 Enforcement shall identify and report to the department at least  
723 weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony during  
724 the preceding week who appear in the voter registration records  
725 supplied by the statewide voter registration system, ~~in a time~~  
726 ~~and manner that enables the department to meet its obligations~~  
727 ~~under state and federal law.~~

728 ~~(6)(e)~~ FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW.—The Florida  
729 Commission on Offender Review shall furnish at least weekly  
730 ~~bimonthly~~ to the department data, including the identity of  
731 those persons granted clemency in the preceding month or any  
732 updates to prior records which have occurred in the preceding  
733 month. The data must ~~shall~~ contain the commission's case number  
734 and the person's name, address, date of birth, race, gender,  
735 Florida driver license number, Florida identification card  
736 number, or the last four digits of the social security number,



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737 if available, and references to record identifiers assigned by  
738 the Department of Corrections and the Department of Law  
739 Enforcement, a unique identifier of each clemency case, and the  
740 effective date of clemency of each person.

741 (7) ~~(f)~~ DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.—The Department of  
742 Corrections shall identify and report to the department at least  
743 weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony and  
744 committed to its custody or placed on community supervision  
745 during the preceding week. ~~The information must be provided to~~  
746 ~~the department at a time and in a manner that enables the~~  
747 ~~department to identify registered voters who are convicted~~  
748 ~~felons and to meet its obligations under state and federal law.~~

749 (8) ~~(g)~~ DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The  
750 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish  
751 weekly ~~monthly~~ to the department the following information:

752 (a) ~~1.~~ Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons whose  
753 names have been removed from the Florida driver license or  
754 Florida identification card database during the preceding week  
755 because they have been licensed or been issued an identification  
756 card in another state. The information ~~list~~ must contain the  
757 person's name, last known Florida address, date of birth, sex,  
758 last four digits of his or her social security number, and  
759 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card  
760 number and, if available, the address and the state in which the  
761 person is now licensed ~~of each such person.~~

762 (b) ~~2.~~ Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons who  
763 during the preceding week presented evidence of non-United  
764 States citizenship upon being issued a new or renewed Florida  
765 driver license or Florida identification card. The information



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766 ~~list~~ must contain the person's name; address; date of birth;  
767 last four digits of the, social security number, if applicable;  
768 ~~and~~ Florida driver license number or Florida identification card  
769 number, as available applicable; and alien registration number  
770 or other legal status identifier, of each such person.

771 (c) Information identifying those persons for which it has  
772 received official information during the preceding week that the  
773 person is deceased. The information must contain the name,  
774 address, date of birth, last four digits of the social security  
775 number, Florida driver license number or Florida identification  
776 card number, and date of death of each such person.

777 (9) ~~(3)~~ CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or  
778 restrict the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct  
779 receipt of, access to, or knowledge of official information from  
780 these and other governmental entities that identify a registered  
781 voter as potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of  
782 remove the name of the registered voter who is determined to be  
783 ineligible names of persons from the statewide voter  
784 registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(7) based upon  
785 information received from other sources.

786 Section 12. Section 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended  
787 to read:

788 98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter  
789 registration system information; precinct-level election  
790 results; book closing statistics; live turnout data.—

791 (1) VOTING HISTORY AND STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM  
792 INFORMATION.—Each supervisor shall submit the reports required  
793 by this subsection to the department no later than 10 business  
794 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the



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795 results of an election.

796 (a) *Reconciliation.*—For each presidential preference  
797 primary election, special primary election, special election,  
798 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall  
799 reconcile the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct  
800 to the aggregate number of voters with voter history pursuant to  
801 paragraph (b) and the precinct-level election results pursuant  
802 to subsection (3) and submit a reconciliation report. The report  
803 must be submitted to the department in an electronic format  
804 pursuant to file format and specifications set forth by rule.  
805 The report must include a written explanation if the  
806 reconciliation results in a discrepancy between the voter  
807 history and the election results.

808 (b) *Voting history.*—For each ~~Within 30 days after~~  
809 ~~certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of a~~  
810 presidential preference primary, special election, special  
811 primary election, primary election, or general election, as  
812 applicable, supervisors of elections shall transmit completely  
813 updated voting history information for each qualified voter to  
814 the department. Such information must be provided, in a uniform  
815 electronic format pursuant to file specifications adopted by the  
816 department by rule. The voting history information must include:  
817 ~~specified in paragraph (d), completely updated voting history~~  
818 ~~information for each qualified voter who voted~~

819 1. The unique identifier assigned to each qualified voter  
820 within the statewide voter registration system.

821 2. Each qualified voter's unique precinct identifier, as  
822 designated by the county within the statewide voter registration  
823 system, at the time of voting. For purposes of this



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824 subparagraph, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an  
825 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and  
826 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by  
827 rule.

828 3. Specifics as to each qualified voter's voting history,  
829 including whether the qualified voter voted a regular ballot  
830 during the early voting period, voted during the early voting  
831 period using a provisional ballot that was subsequently counted,  
832 voted a regular ballot at a precinct location, voted at a  
833 precinct location using a provisional ballot that was  
834 subsequently counted, voted by vote-by-mail ballot, attempted to  
835 vote by a timely received vote-by-mail ballot that was not  
836 counted, attempted to vote by a vote-by-mail ballot that was  
837 received untimely, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that  
838 was not counted, or did not vote.

839 (c) Precinct boundaries.—For each presidential preference  
840 primary election, special primary election, special election,  
841 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall  
842 submit to the department the geographical information system map  
843 of precinct boundaries created and maintained pursuant to s.  
844 101.001 for the applicable election.

845 (2) ~~(b)~~ LEGISLATIVE REPORT.—

846 (a) Specifications.—~~After receipt of the information in~~  
847 ~~paragraph (a),~~ The department shall prepare an election summary  
848 compiled for a presidential preference primary election, special  
849 primary election, special election, primary election, or general  
850 election, as applicable, a report in an electronic format which  
851 contains the following information, ~~separately compiled for the~~  
852 ~~primary and general election for all voters qualified to vote in~~



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853 ~~either election:~~

854 1. The voting history information as transmitted under  
855 paragraph (1)(b) and the precinct boundaries as transmitted  
856 under paragraph (1)(c). ~~unique identifier assigned to each~~  
857 ~~qualified voter within the statewide voter registration system;~~

858 2. All information provided by each qualified voter on his  
859 or her voter registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2),  
860 except that which is confidential or exempt from public records  
861 requirements.

862 3. Each qualified voter's date of registration.

863 4. Each qualified voter's ~~current~~ state representative  
864 district, state senatorial district, ~~and~~ congressional district,  
865 county commission district, and school board district at the  
866 time of voting, assigned by the supervisor of elections;

867 ~~5. Each qualified voter's current precinct; and~~

868 ~~6. Voting history as transmitted under paragraph (a) to~~  
869 ~~include whether the qualified voter voted at a precinct~~  
870 ~~location, voted during the early voting period, voted by vote-~~  
871 ~~by-mail ballot, attempted to vote by vote-by-mail ballot that~~  
872 ~~was not counted, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that~~  
873 ~~was not counted, or did not vote.~~

874 ~~(b)(e) Submission.~~ Within 60 ~~45~~ days after ~~certification by~~  
875 the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies ~~of~~ a presidential  
876 preference primary, special election, primary election, or  
877 general election, the department shall submit ~~send~~ to the  
878 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
879 Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House  
880 Minority Leader an election summary ~~a~~ report in electronic  
881 format that includes all information set forth in paragraph (a)



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882 ~~(b).~~

883 ~~(d) File specifications are as follows:~~

884 ~~1. The file shall contain records designated by the~~  
885 ~~categories below for all qualified voters who, regardless of the~~  
886 ~~voter's county of residence or active or inactive registration~~  
887 ~~status at the book closing for the corresponding election that~~  
888 ~~the file is being created for:~~

889 ~~a. Voted a regular ballot at a precinct location.~~

890 ~~b. Voted at a precinct location using a provisional ballot~~  
891 ~~that was subsequently counted.~~

892 ~~e. Voted a regular ballot during the early voting period.~~

893 ~~d. Voted during the early voting period using a provisional~~  
894 ~~ballot that was subsequently counted.~~

895 ~~e. Voted by vote by mail ballot.~~

896 ~~f. Attempted to vote by vote by mail ballot, but the ballot~~  
897 ~~was not counted.~~

898 ~~g. Attempted to vote by provisional ballot, but the ballot~~  
899 ~~was not counted in that election.~~

900 ~~2. Each file shall be created or converted into a tab-~~  
901 ~~delimited format.~~

902 ~~3. File names shall adhere to the following convention:~~

903 ~~a. Three character county identifier as established by the~~  
904 ~~department followed by an underscore.~~

905 ~~b. Followed by four character file type identifier of~~  
906 ~~"VH03" followed by an underscore.~~

907 ~~e. Followed by FVRS election ID followed by an underscore.~~

908 ~~d. Followed by Date Created followed by an underscore.~~

909 ~~e. Date format is YYYYMMDD.~~

910 ~~f. Followed by Time Created - HHMMSS.~~





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911 ~~g. Followed by ".txt".~~

912 ~~4. Each record shall contain the following columns: Record~~  
913 ~~Identifier, FVRS Voter ID Number, FVRS Election ID Number, Vote~~  
914 ~~Date, Vote History Code, Precinct, Congressional District, House~~  
915 ~~District, Senate District, County Commission District, and~~  
916 ~~School Board District.~~

917 ~~(e) Each supervisor of elections shall reconcile, before~~  
918 ~~submission, the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct~~  
919 ~~as reported in the precinct-level election results to the~~  
920 ~~aggregate total number of voters with voter history for the~~  
921 ~~election for each district.~~

922 ~~(f) Each supervisor of elections shall submit the results~~  
923 ~~of the data reconciliation as described in paragraph (e) to the~~  
924 ~~department in an electronic format and give a written~~  
925 ~~explanation for any precincts where the reconciliation as~~  
926 ~~described in paragraph (e) results in a discrepancy between the~~  
927 ~~voter history and the election results.~~

928 ~~(3) (2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.-~~

929 ~~(a) 1. Within 10 business ~~30~~ days after ~~certification~~ by the~~  
930 ~~Elections Canvassing Commission certifies of a presidential~~  
931 ~~preference primary election, special election, special primary~~  
932 ~~election, primary election, or general election, as applicable,~~  
933 ~~the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit to the~~  
934 ~~department precinct-level election results for the election in a~~  
935 ~~uniform electronic format specified by paragraph (c). ~~The~~~~  
936 ~~precinct-level election results shall be compiled separately for~~  
937 ~~the primary or special primary election that preceded the~~  
938 ~~general or special general election, respectively. The results~~  
939 ~~must ~~shall~~ specifically include for each precinct the total of~~



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940 all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill a  
941 national, state, county, or district office or proposed  
942 constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and  
943 ballot type. When one or more ballot types, also known as  
944 counting groups, in a race or an issue have fewer than 30 voters  
945 voting on the ballot, the ballot type must be reported as zero  
946 except for the total votes counting group for that precinct.  
947 Ballot types or counting groups include election day, early  
948 voting, vote-by-mail, provisional voting, and total votes  
949 ~~However, ballot type or precinct subtotals in a race or question~~  
950 ~~having fewer than 30 voters voting on the ballot type or in the~~  
951 ~~precinct may not be reported in precinct results.~~ For purposes  
952 of this paragraph, the term "all ballots cast" means ballots  
953 cast by voters who cast a ballot, whether at a precinct  
954 location; 7 by vote-by-mail ballot, including overseas vote-by-  
955 mail ballots; 7 during the early voting period; 7 or by  
956 provisional ballot.

957 2. Upon request from the department, a supervisor must  
958 research and address, as appropriate, any questions or issues  
959 identified by the department pertaining to the precinct-level  
960 election results. If the information as originally submitted is  
961 changed or corrected, the supervisor must provide an amended  
962 precinct-level election results file no later than 10 business  
963 days after the request from the department.

964 (b) The department shall make such information available  
965 online no later than 60 days after the Elections Canvassing  
966 Commission certifies the presidential preference primary  
967 election, special primary election, special election, primary  
968 election, or general election, as applicable. The website



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969 containing the information must include ~~on a searchable,~~  
970 ~~sortable, and downloadable database via its website that also~~  
971 ~~includes~~ the file layout and codes. The information must  
972 ~~database shall~~ be searchable and sortable by county, precinct,  
973 and candidate; The must database shall be downloadable in a  
974 tab-delimited format; and must. ~~The database shall~~ be available  
975 for download county-by-county and also as a statewide file. ~~Such~~  
976 ~~report shall also be made available upon request.~~

977 (c) The files containing the precinct-level election  
978 results must shall be created in accordance with the applicable  
979 file specification as set forth by rule. The rule must, at a  
980 minimum, provide that:

981 ~~1. The precinct-level results file shall be created or~~  
982 ~~converted into a tab-delimited text file.~~

983 ~~2. The row immediately before the first data record shall~~  
984 ~~contain the column names of the data elements that make up the~~  
985 ~~data records. There shall be one header record followed by~~  
986 ~~multiple data records.~~

987 ~~3. the data records shall~~ include the following columns:  
988 County Name, Election Number, Election Date, Unique Precinct  
989 Identifier, Precinct Polling Location, Total Registered Voters,  
990 Total Registered Republicans, Total Registered Democrats, Total  
991 Registered All Other Parties, Contest Name,  
992 Candidate/Retention/Issue Name, Candidate Florida Voter  
993 Registration System ID Number, Division of Elections Unique  
994 Candidate Identifying Number, Candidate Party, District,  
995 Undervote Total, Overvote Total, Write-in Total, and Vote Total.  
996 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "unique precinct  
997 identifier" means an alphanumeric code representing the precinct



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998 name or number and containing no more than the maximum  
999 characters as specified by rule.

1000 (4) ~~(3)~~ PRECINCT-LEVEL BOOK CLOSING STATISTICS.—No later  
1001 than 10 days after the date of book closing for ~~but before the~~  
1002 ~~date of~~ an election as defined in s. 97.021 to fill a national,  
1003 state, county, or district office, or to vote on a proposed  
1004 constitutional amendment, the department shall compile and make  
1005 available the following precinct-level statistical data for each  
1006 county:

1007 (a) Unique precinct identifier numbers. For purposes of  
1008 this subsection, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an  
1009 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and  
1010 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by  
1011 rule.

1012 (b) Total number of active registered voters by party for  
1013 each precinct.

1014 (5) ~~(4)~~ LIVE TURNOUT DATA.—On election day, each supervisor  
1015 of elections shall make live voter turnout data, updated at  
1016 least once per hour, available on his or her website. Each  
1017 supervisor shall transmit the live voter turnout data to the  
1018 division, which must create and maintain a real-time statewide  
1019 turnout dashboard that is available for viewing by the public on  
1020 the division's website as the data becomes available.

1021 (6) ~~(5)~~ REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—The department shall  
1022 also make publicly available the reports and results required in  
1023 subsections (1)-(4) ~~(1)-(3)~~.

1024 (7) ~~(6)~~ RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules and  
1025 prescribe forms to carry out the purposes of this section.

1026 Section 13. Effective upon becoming a law, present



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1027 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 99.012, Florida  
1028 Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c), a new paragraph (b)  
1029 is added to that subsection, and paragraph (c) is added to  
1030 subsection (7) of that section, to read:

1031       99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public  
1032 office.—

1033       (1) As used in this section:

1034       (b) "Qualify" means to fulfill the requirements set forth  
1035 in s. 99.061(7) (a) or s. 105.031(5) (a).

1036       (7) This section does not apply to:

1037       (c) Persons seeking the office of President or Vice  
1038 President of the United States.

1039       Section 14. The amendments made to s. 99.012, Florida  
1040 Statutes, by this act are intended to clarify existing law. Any  
1041 person seeking the office of President or Vice President of the  
1042 United States is not subject to the requirements of chapter 99,  
1043 Florida Statutes, which govern candidate qualifying,  
1044 specifically those which require the submission of certain  
1045 documents, full and public disclosures of financial interests,  
1046 petition signatures, or the payment of filing fees. This section  
1047 shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

1048       Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
1049 99.021, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), and  
1050 a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

1051       99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

1052       (1)

1053       (d) In addition, each candidate, whether a party candidate,  
1054 a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate,  
1055 shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation,



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1056 state in writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines,  
1057 fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any  
1058 violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code  
1059 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of  
1060 chapter 112, any local ethics ordinance governing standards of  
1061 conduct and disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. If the  
1062 candidate owes any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties  
1063 exceeding the threshold amount specified in this paragraph, he  
1064 or she must also specify the amount owed and each entity that  
1065 levied such fine, fee, or penalty. For purposes of this  
1066 paragraph, any such fines, fees, or penalties that have been  
1067 paid in full at the time of subscribing to the oath or  
1068 affirmation are not deemed to be outstanding.

1069 Section 16. Section 99.0215, Florida Statutes, is created  
1070 to read:

1071 99.0215 Name of candidate.—

1072 (1) Each candidate shall designate in the oath or  
1073 affirmation specified in s. 99.021 the name that he or she  
1074 wishes to have printed on the ballot, or in the case of a write-  
1075 in candidate, the name that he or she wishes to have voters  
1076 write in on the ballot when voting for him or her. Such  
1077 designation must include the candidate's legal given name or  
1078 names, a shortened form of the candidate's legal given name or  
1079 names, an initial or initials of the candidate's legal given  
1080 name or names, or a bona fide nickname customarily related to  
1081 the candidate and by which the candidate is commonly known,  
1082 immediately followed by the candidate's legal surname. If  
1083 applicable, a candidate may place one of the following  
1084 designations after the legal surname: "Sr.," "Jr.," or a



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1085 numerical designation such as "II."

1086 (2) If a candidate wishes to designate a nickname, the  
1087 candidate must file an affidavit that must be verified under  
1088 oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a), attesting that  
1089 the nickname complies with the requirements of this section. The  
1090 affidavit must be filed simultaneously with the oath or  
1091 affirmation specified in s. 99.021. Any nickname designated by a  
1092 candidate may not be used to mislead voters. A candidate may not  
1093 designate a nickname that implies the candidate is some other  
1094 person, that constitutes a political slogan or otherwise  
1095 associates the candidate with a cause or an issue, or that is  
1096 obscene or profane. For purposes of this subsection, the term  
1097 "political slogan" means any word or words expressing or  
1098 connoting a position, an opinion, or a belief that the candidate  
1099 may espouse, including, but not limited to, any word or words  
1100 conveying any meaning other than that of the general identity of  
1101 the candidate.

1102 (3) Unless a candidate has the same name as, or a name  
1103 similar to, one or more candidates for the same office, an  
1104 educational or professional title or degree may not be added to  
1105 his or her name designation.

1106 Section 17. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 99.097,  
1107 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1108 99.097 Verification of signatures on petitions.-

1109 (4) (a) The supervisor must ~~shall~~ be paid in advance the sum  
1110 of 10 cents for each signature checked or the actual cost of  
1111 checking such signature, whichever is less, by the candidate or,  
1112 in the case of a petition to have a local ~~an~~ issue placed on the  
1113 ballot, by the person or organization submitting the petition.



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1114 In the case of a petition to place a statewide issue on the  
1115 ballot, the person or organization submitting the petition must  
1116 pay the supervisor in advance the cost posted by the supervisor  
1117 pursuant to s. 100.371(11) for the actual cost of checking  
1118 signatures to place a statewide issue on the ballot.

1119 (b) However, if a candidate, a person, or an organization  
1120 seeking to have an issue placed upon the ballot cannot pay such  
1121 charges without imposing an undue burden on personal resources  
1122 or upon the resources otherwise available to such candidate,  
1123 person, or organization, such candidate, person, or organization  
1124 shall, upon written certification of such inability given under  
1125 oath to the supervisor, is be entitled to have the signatures  
1126 verified at no charge.

1127 (c) In the event a candidate, person, or organization  
1128 submitting a petition to have an issue placed upon the ballot is  
1129 entitled to have the signatures verified at no charge, the  
1130 supervisor of elections of each county in which the signatures  
1131 are verified at no charge shall submit the total number of such  
1132 signatures checked in the county to the Chief Financial Officer  
1133 no later than December 1 of the general election year, and the  
1134 Chief Financial Officer shall cause such supervisor of elections  
1135 to be reimbursed from the General Revenue Fund in an amount  
1136 equal to 10 cents or the actual cost for each name checked ~~or~~  
1137 ~~the actual cost of checking such signatures~~, whichever is  
1138 applicable as set forth in paragraph (a) ~~less~~. In no event may  
1139 shall such reimbursement of costs be deemed or applied as extra  
1140 compensation for the supervisor.

1141 (d) Petitions must ~~shall~~ be retained by the supervisors for  
1142 a period of 1 year following the election for which the





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1143 petitions were circulated.

1144 (5) The results of a verification pursuant to subparagraph  
1145 (1) (a)2. may be contested in the circuit court by the candidate;  
1146 an announced opponent; a representative of a designated  
1147 political committee; or a person, party, or other organization  
1148 submitting the petition. The contestant must ~~shall~~ file a  
1149 complaint, together with the fees prescribed in chapter 28, with  
1150 the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the  
1151 petition is certified or in Leon County if the petition covers  
1152 more than one county within 10 days after midnight of the date  
1153 the petition is certified; and the complaint must ~~shall~~ set  
1154 forth the grounds on which the contestant intends to establish  
1155 his or her right to require a complete check of the petition  
1156 pursuant to subparagraph (1) (a)1. In the event the court orders  
1157 a complete check of the petition and the result is not changed  
1158 as to the success or lack of success of the petitioner in  
1159 obtaining the requisite number of valid signatures, then such  
1160 candidate, unless the candidate has filed the oath stating that  
1161 he or she is unable to pay such charges; announced opponent;  
1162 representative of a designated political committee; or party,  
1163 person, or organization submitting the petition, unless such  
1164 person or organization has filed the oath stating inability to  
1165 pay such charges, shall pay to the supervisor of elections of  
1166 each affected county for the complete check an amount calculated  
1167 at the rate of 10 cents for each additional signature checked or  
1168 the actual cost of checking such additional signatures, as  
1169 applicable ~~whichever is less~~.

1170 Section 18. Section 100.021, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1171 to read:



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1172           100.021 Notice of general election.—The Department of State  
1173 shall, in any year in which a general election is held, make out  
1174 a notice stating what offices and vacancies are to be filled at  
1175 the general election in the state, and in each county and  
1176 district thereof. During the 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the  
1177 beginning of qualifying, the department ~~of State~~ shall have the  
1178 notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation  
1179 in each county; and, in counties in which there is no newspaper  
1180 of general circulation, it shall send to the sheriff a notice of  
1181 the offices and vacancies to be filled at such general election  
1182 by the qualified voters of the sheriff's county or any district  
1183 thereof, and the sheriff shall have at least five copies of the  
1184 notice posted in conspicuous places in the county. Notice may be  
1185 provided alternatively by publishing notice on the division's  
1186 website, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or  
1187 on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the  
1188 supervisor.

1189           Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 100.141, Florida  
1190 Statutes, is amended to read:

1191           100.141 Notice of special election to fill any vacancy in  
1192 office.—

1193           (3) The department shall deliver a copy of such notice to  
1194 the supervisor of elections of each county in which the special  
1195 election is to be held. The supervisor shall have the notice  
1196 published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
1197 county at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~ the first day set for  
1198 qualifying for office or, for at least 10 days before the first  
1199 day set for qualifying for office, publish notice on the  
1200 county's website as provided in s. 50.0311 or on the



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1201 ~~supervisor's website. If such a newspaper is not published~~  
1202 ~~within the period set forth, the supervisor shall post at least~~  
1203 ~~five copies of the notice in conspicuous places in the county~~  
1204 ~~not less than 10 days prior to the first date set for~~  
1205 ~~qualifying.~~

1206 Section 20. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1207 to read:

1208 100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.—In any  
1209 special election or referendum not otherwise provided for, there  
1210 must ~~shall~~ be at least 30 days' notice of the election or  
1211 referendum by publication in a newspaper of general circulation  
1212 in the county, district, or municipality, or publication on the  
1213 county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, the municipality's  
1214 website, or the supervisor's website, as applicable ~~as the case~~  
1215 ~~may be~~. The publication must ~~shall~~ be made at least twice, once  
1216 in the fifth week and once in the third week before ~~prior to~~ the  
1217 week in which the election or referendum is to be held. If the  
1218 applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper  
1219 of general circulation in the county, district, or municipality,  
1220 the notice must ~~shall~~ be posted in no less than five places  
1221 within the territorial limits of the county, district, or  
1222 municipality.

1223 Section 21. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
1224 (4) of section 101.001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1225 101.001 Precincts and polling places; boundaries.—

1226 (3) (a) Each supervisor of elections shall maintain a  
1227 geographical information system ~~suitable map drawn to a scale no~~  
1228 ~~smaller than 3 miles to the inch and~~ clearly delineating all  
1229 major observable features such as roads, streams, and railway



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1230 lines and showing the current geographical boundaries of each  
1231 precinct, representative district, and senatorial district, and  
1232 other type of district in the county subject to the elections  
1233 process in this code. A supervisor may coordinate with other  
1234 governmental entities to comply with this subsection.

1235 ~~(b) The supervisor shall provide to the department data on~~  
1236 ~~all precincts in the county associated with the most recent~~  
1237 ~~decennial census blocks within each precinct.~~

1238 ~~(c) The department shall maintain a searchable database~~  
1239 ~~that contains the precincts and the corresponding most recent~~  
1240 ~~decennial census blocks within the precincts for each county,~~  
1241 ~~including a historical file that allows the census blocks to be~~  
1242 ~~traced through the prior decade.~~

1243 ~~(b)~~ (d) The supervisor of elections shall notify the  
1244 Secretary of State in writing within 10 days after any  
1245 reorganization of precincts and shall furnish a copy of the  
1246 geographical information system compatible map showing the  
1247 current geographical boundaries and designation of each new  
1248 precinct. ~~However, if precincts are composed of whole census~~  
1249 ~~blocks, the supervisor may furnish, in lieu of a copy of the~~  
1250 ~~map, a list, in an electronic format prescribed by the~~  
1251 ~~Department of State, associating each census block in the county~~  
1252 ~~with its precinct.~~

1253 ~~(c)~~ (e) Any precinct established or altered under ~~the~~  
1254 ~~provisions of this section~~ must ~~shall~~ consist of areas bounded  
1255 on all sides only by census block boundaries from the most  
1256 recent United States Census. If the census block boundaries  
1257 split or conflict with a municipal or other political  
1258 subdivision ~~another political boundary listed below~~, the



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1259 boundary listed below may be used as a precinct boundary:

1260 1. Governmental unit boundaries reported in the most recent  
1261 Boundary and Annexation Survey published by the United States  
1262 Census Bureau; or

1263 ~~2. Visible features that are readily distinguishable upon  
1264 the ground, such as streets, railroads, tracks, streams, and  
1265 lakes, and that are indicated upon current census maps, official  
1266 Department of Transportation maps, official municipal maps,  
1267 official county maps, or a combination of such maps;~~

1268 ~~3. Boundaries of public parks, public school grounds, or  
1269 churches; or~~

1270 2.4. Boundaries of counties, incorporated municipalities,  
1271 or other political subdivisions that meet criteria established  
1272 by the United States Census Bureau for block boundaries.

1273 (4) (a) Within 10 days after there is any change in the  
1274 division, name, number, or boundaries of the precincts, or the  
1275 location of the polling places, the supervisor of elections  
1276 shall make in writing an accurate description of any new or  
1277 altered precincts, setting forth the boundary lines and shall  
1278 identify the location of each new or altered polling place. A  
1279 copy of the document describing such changes must ~~shall~~ be  
1280 posted at the supervisor's office.

1281 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 101.048, Florida  
1282 Statutes, is amended to read:

1283 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

1284 (1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly  
1285 registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in  
1286 the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a  
1287 person whom an election official asserts is not eligible,



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1288 including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been  
1289 sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for whom a final  
1290 determination of eligibility has not been made, and other  
1291 persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a  
1292 provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must  
1293 ~~shall~~ be placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a  
1294 provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must ~~shall~~  
1295 be deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must ~~shall~~  
1296 remain sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of  
1297 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the  
1298 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional  
1299 ballot has ~~shall have~~ the right to present written evidence  
1300 supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of  
1301 elections by not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following  
1302 the election.

1303 Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
1304 101.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1305 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

1306 (4)

1307 (b) When two or more candidates running for the same office  
1308 on an ~~a primary~~ election ballot have the same or a similar  
1309 surname, the word "incumbent" must ~~shall~~ appear next to the  
1310 incumbent's name.

1311 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 101.5612, Florida  
1312 Statutes, is amended to read:

1313 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

1314 (2) On any day not more than 25 days before the  
1315 commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, the  
1316 supervisor of elections shall have the automatic tabulating



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1317 equipment publicly tested to ascertain that the equipment will  
1318 correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all  
1319 measures. If the ballots to be used at the polling place on  
1320 election day are not available at the time of the testing, the  
1321 supervisor may conduct an additional test not more than 10 days  
1322 before election day. Public notice of the time and place of the  
1323 test shall be given at least 48 hours prior thereto by  
1324 publication on the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on  
1325 the supervisor of elections' website, or ~~and~~ once in one or more  
1326 newspapers of general circulation in the county. If the  
1327 applicable website becomes unavailable or, if there is no  
1328 newspaper of general circulation in the county, ~~by posting~~ the  
1329 notice must be posted in at least four conspicuous places in the  
1330 county. The supervisor or the municipal elections official may,  
1331 at the time of qualifying, give written notice of the time and  
1332 location of the public preelection test to each candidate  
1333 qualifying with that office and obtain a signed receipt that the  
1334 notice has been given. The Department of State shall give  
1335 written notice to each statewide candidate at the time of  
1336 qualifying, or immediately at the end of qualifying, that the  
1337 voting equipment will be tested and advise each candidate to  
1338 contact the county supervisor of elections as to the time and  
1339 location of the public preelection test. The supervisor or the  
1340 municipal elections official shall, at least 30 days before the  
1341 commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, send  
1342 written notice by certified mail to the county party chair of  
1343 each political party and to all candidates for other than  
1344 statewide office whose names appear on the ballot in the county  
1345 and who did not receive written notification from the supervisor



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1346 or municipal elections official at the time of qualifying,  
1347 stating the time and location of the public preelection test of  
1348 the automatic tabulating equipment. The canvassing board shall  
1349 convene, and each member of the canvassing board shall certify  
1350 to the accuracy of the test. For the test, the canvassing board  
1351 may designate one member to represent it. The test shall be open  
1352 to representatives of the political parties, the press, and the  
1353 public. Each political party may designate one person with  
1354 expertise in the computer field who shall be allowed in the  
1355 central counting room when all tests are being conducted and  
1356 when the official votes are being counted. The designee may  
1357 ~~shall~~ not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing  
1358 board.

1359 Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 101.6103, Florida  
1360 Statutes, is amended to read:

1361 101.6103 Mail ballot election procedure.—

1362 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7), the  
1363 supervisor of elections shall mail all official ballots with a  
1364 secrecy envelope, a return mailing envelope, and instructions  
1365 sufficient to describe the voting process to each elector  
1366 entitled to vote in the election within the timeframes specified  
1367 in s. 101.62(3) ~~s. 101.62(4)~~. All such ballots must ~~shall~~ be  
1368 mailed by first-class mail. Ballots must ~~shall~~ be addressed to  
1369 each elector at the address appearing in the registration  
1370 records and placed in an envelope which is prominently marked  
1371 "Do Not Forward."

1372 Section 26. Section 101.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1373 read:

1374 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.—





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1375 (1) REQUEST.—

1376 (a) The supervisor shall accept a request for a vote-by-  
1377 mail ballot only from a voter or, if directly instructed by the  
1378 voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's  
1379 legal guardian ~~from an elector in person or in writing.~~ A  
1380 request may be made in person, in writing, by telephone, or  
1381 through the supervisor's website. The department shall prescribe  
1382 by rule by October 1, 2023, a uniform statewide application to  
1383 make a written request for a vote-by-mail ballot which includes  
1384 fields for all information required in this subsection. One  
1385 request is deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot  
1386 for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the  
1387 next regularly scheduled general election, unless the voter  
1388 ~~elector~~ or the voter's ~~elector's~~ designee indicates at the time  
1389 the request is made the elections within such period for which  
1390 the voter ~~elector~~ desires to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. The  
1391 supervisor must cancel a request for a vote-by-mail ballot ~~Such~~  
1392 ~~request may be considered canceled~~ when any first-class mail or  
1393 nonforwardable mail sent by the supervisor to the voter ~~elector~~  
1394 is returned as undeliverable. If the voter requests a vote-by-  
1395 mail ballot thereafter, the voter must provide or confirm his or  
1396 her current residential address.

1397 (b) The supervisor may accept a ~~written, an in-person, or a~~  
1398 ~~telephonic~~ request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a  
1399 voter's ~~an elector's~~ address on file in the Florida Voter  
1400 Registration System from the voter ~~elector~~, or, if directly  
1401 instructed by the voter ~~elector~~, a member of the voter's  
1402 ~~elector's~~ immediate family, or the voter's ~~elector's~~ legal  
1403 guardian. If an in-person or a telephonic request is made, the



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1404 voter ~~elector~~ must provide the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver  
1405 license number, the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification  
1406 card number, or the last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~  
1407 social security number, whichever may be verified in the  
1408 supervisor's records. If the ballot is requested to be mailed to  
1409 an address other than the voter's ~~elector's~~ address on file in  
1410 the Florida Voter Registration System, the request must be made  
1411 in writing. A written request must be signed by the voter  
1412 ~~elector~~ and include the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver license  
1413 number, the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification card  
1414 number, or the last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~ social  
1415 security number. However, an absent uniformed services ~~service~~  
1416 voter or an overseas voter seeking a vote-by-mail ballot is not  
1417 required to submit a signed, written request for a vote-by-mail  
1418 ballot that is being mailed to an address other than the voter's  
1419 ~~elector's~~ address on file in the Florida Voter Registration  
1420 System. ~~For purposes of this section, the term "immediate~~  
1421 ~~family" has the same meaning as specified in paragraph (4) (c).~~  
1422 The person making the request must disclose:  
1423       1. The name of the voter ~~elector~~ for whom the ballot is  
1424 requested.  
1425       2. The voter's ~~elector's~~ address.  
1426       3. The voter's ~~elector's~~ date of birth.  
1427       4. The voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver license number, the  
1428 voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification card number, or the  
1429 last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~ social security  
1430 number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records.  
1431 If the voter's registration record does not already include the  
1432 voter's Florida driver license number or Florida identification



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1433 card number or the last four digits of the voter's social  
1434 security number, the number provided must be recorded in the  
1435 voter's registration record.

1436 5. The requester's name.

1437 6. The requester's address.

1438 7. The requester's driver license number, the requester's  
1439 identification card number, or the last four digits of the  
1440 requester's social security number, if available.

1441 8. The requester's relationship to the voter ~~elector~~.

1442 9. The requester's signature (written requests only).

1443 (c) Upon receiving a request for a vote-by-mail ballot from  
1444 an absent voter, the supervisor of elections shall notify the  
1445 voter of the free access system that has been designated by the  
1446 department for determining the status of his or her vote-by-mail  
1447 ballot.

1448 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "immediate  
1449 family" refers to the following, as applicable:

1450 1. The voter's spouse, parent, child, grandparent,  
1451 grandchild, or sibling, or the parent, child, grandparent,  
1452 grandchild, or sibling of the voter's spouse.

1453 2. The designee's spouse, parent, child, grandparent,  
1454 grandchild, or sibling, or the parent, child, grandparent,  
1455 grandchild, or sibling of the designee's spouse.

1456 ~~(2) A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a~~  
1457 ~~voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day~~  
1458 ~~before the election by the supervisor. The supervisor shall mail~~  
1459 ~~vote-by-mail ballots to voters requesting ballots by such~~  
1460 ~~deadline no later than 8 days before the election.~~

1461 (2)-(3) ACCESS TO VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUEST INFORMATION.-For each



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1462 request for a vote-by-mail ballot received, the supervisor shall  
1463 record the following information: the date the request was made;  
1464 the identity of the voter's designee making the request, if any;  
1465 the Florida driver license number, Florida identification card  
1466 number, or last four digits of the social security number of the  
1467 voter elector provided with a written request; the date the  
1468 vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to the voter or the voter's  
1469 designee or the date the vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to  
1470 the post office or other carrier; the address to which the  
1471 ballot was mailed or the identity of the voter's designee to  
1472 whom the ballot was delivered; the date the ballot was received  
1473 by the supervisor; the absence of the voter's signature on the  
1474 voter's certificate, if applicable; whether the voter's  
1475 certificate contains a signature that does not match the voter's  
1476 elector's signature in the registration books or precinct  
1477 register; and such other information he or she may deem  
1478 necessary. This information must ~~shall~~ be provided in electronic  
1479 format as provided by division rule. The information must ~~shall~~  
1480 be updated and made available no later than 8 a.m. of each day,  
1481 including weekends, beginning 60 days before the primary until  
1482 15 days after the general election and shall be  
1483 contemporaneously provided to the division. This information is  
1484 ~~shall be~~ confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall be  
1485 made available to or reproduced only for the voter requesting  
1486 the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official, a  
1487 political party or official thereof, a candidate who has filed  
1488 qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and  
1489 registered political committees for political purposes only.

1490 (3)-(4) DELIVERY OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS.-



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1491 (a) No later than 45 days before each presidential  
1492 preference primary election, primary election, and general  
1493 election, the supervisor of elections shall send a vote-by-mail  
1494 ballot as provided in subparagraph (d)2. ~~(e)2.~~ to each absent  
1495 uniformed services voter and to each overseas voter who has  
1496 requested a vote-by-mail ballot.

1497 (b) The supervisor shall mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each  
1498 absent qualified voter, other than those listed in paragraph  
1499 (a), who has requested such a ballot, between the 40th and 33rd  
1500 days before the presidential preference primary election,  
1501 primary election, and general election.

1502 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) or  
1503 paragraph (b) subsection (2) and after the period described in  
1504 this paragraph, the supervisor shall mail vote-by-mail ballots  
1505 within 2 business days after receiving a request for such a  
1506 ballot, but no later than the 10th day before election day. The  
1507 deadline to submit a request for a ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m.  
1508 local time on the 12th day before an upcoming election.

1509 (d) ~~(e)~~ Upon a request for a vote-by-mail ballot, the  
1510 supervisor shall provide a vote-by-mail ballot to each voter  
1511 elector by whom a request for that ballot has been made, by one  
1512 of the following means:

1513 1. By nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable mail to the  
1514 voter's elector's current mailing address on file with the  
1515 supervisor or any other address the voter elector specifies in  
1516 the request. The envelopes must be prominently marked "Do Not  
1517 Forward."

1518 2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine  
1519 transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas



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1520 voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
1521 may designate in the vote-by-mail ballot request the preferred  
1522 method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the  
1523 method of transmission, the vote-by-mail ballot must ~~shall~~ be  
1524 mailed.

1525 3. By personal delivery ~~before 7 p.m. on election day~~ to  
1526 the voter after vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed and up to  
1527 7 p.m. on election day ~~elector~~, upon presentation of the  
1528 identification required in s. 101.043.

1529 4. By delivery to the voter's a designee after vote-by-mail  
1530 ballots have been mailed and up to 7 p.m. on election day ~~or up~~  
1531 ~~to 9 days before the day of an election~~. Any voter ~~elector~~ may  
1532 designate in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the  
1533 voter ~~elector~~; however, the person designated may not pick up  
1534 more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than the  
1535 designee's own ballot, except that additional ballots may be  
1536 picked up for members of the designee's immediate family. ~~For~~  
1537 ~~purposes of this section, "immediate family" means the~~  
1538 ~~designee's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild,~~  
1539 ~~or sibling of the designee or of the designee's spouse.~~ The  
1540 designee shall provide to the supervisor the written  
1541 authorization by the voter ~~elector~~ and a picture identification  
1542 of the designee and must complete an affidavit. The designee  
1543 shall state in the affidavit that the designee is authorized by  
1544 the voter ~~elector~~ to pick up that ballot and shall indicate if  
1545 the voter ~~elector~~ is a member of the designee's immediate family  
1546 and, if so, the relationship. The department shall prescribe the  
1547 form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is satisfied that the  
1548 designee is authorized to pick up the ballot and that the



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1549 signature of the voter ~~elector~~ on the written authorization  
1550 matches the signature of the voter ~~elector~~ on file, the  
1551 supervisor must ~~shall~~ give the ballot to that designee for  
1552 delivery to the voter ~~elector~~.

1553         5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not  
1554 deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to a voter ~~an elector~~ or a voter's  
1555 designee pursuant to subparagraph 3. or subparagraph 4.,  
1556 respectively, during the mandatory early voting period and up to  
1557 7 p.m. on election day, an elector's immediate family member on  
1558 the day of the election unless there is an emergency, to the  
1559 extent that the voter ~~elector~~ will be unable to go to a  
1560 designated early voting site in his or her county or to his or  
1561 her assigned polling place on election day. If a vote-by-mail  
1562 ballot is delivered, the voter ~~elector~~ or his or her designee  
1563 must ~~shall~~ execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which  
1564 allow for delivery of the vote-by-mail ballot. The department  
1565 shall adopt a rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

1566         (4) ~~(5)~~ SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—If the department is unable  
1567 to certify candidates for an election in time to comply with  
1568 paragraph (3) (a) ~~(4) (a)~~, the Department of State is authorized  
1569 to prescribe rules for a ballot to be sent to absent uniformed  
1570 services voters and overseas voters.

1571         (5) ~~(6)~~ MATERIALS.—Only the materials necessary to vote by  
1572 mail may be mailed or delivered with any vote-by-mail ballot.

1573         (6) ~~(7)~~ PROHIBITION.—Except as expressly authorized for  
1574 voters having a disability under s. 101.662, for overseas voters  
1575 under s. 101.697, or for local referenda under ss. 101.6102 and  
1576 101.6103, a county, municipality, or state agency may not send a  
1577 vote-by-mail ballot to a voter unless the voter has requested a



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1578 vote-by-mail ballot in the manner authorized under this section.

1579 Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 101.67, Florida  
1580 Statutes, is amended to read:

1581 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for  
1582 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.-

1583 (1) (a) The supervisor of elections shall safely keep in his  
1584 or her office any envelopes received containing marked ballots  
1585 of absent electors, and he or she shall, before the canvassing  
1586 of the election returns, deliver the envelopes to the county  
1587 canvassing board along with his or her file or list kept  
1588 regarding said ballots.

1589 (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections  
1590 shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person  
1591 to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for  
1592 whom a final determination of eligibility has not been made, and  
1593 shall treat them as provisional ballots for individual review by  
1594 the county canvassing board. The supervisor shall attempt to  
1595 contact each voter whose ballot has been set aside under this  
1596 paragraph in the same manner as if the voter had voted a  
1597 provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

1598 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 101.68, Florida  
1599 Statutes, is amended to read:

1600 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.-

1601 (1) (a) The supervisor of the county where the absent  
1602 elector resides shall receive the voted ballot, at which time  
1603 the supervisor shall compare the signature of the elector on the  
1604 voter's certificate with the signature of the elector in the  
1605 registration books or the precinct register to determine whether  
1606 the elector is duly registered in the county and must record on





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1607 the elector's registration record that the elector has voted.  
1608 During the signature comparison process, the supervisor may not  
1609 use any knowledge of the political affiliation of the elector  
1610 ~~voter~~ whose signature is subject to verification.

1611 (b) An elector who dies after casting a vote-by-mail ballot  
1612 but on or before election day shall remain listed in the  
1613 registration books until the results have been certified for the  
1614 election in which the ballot was cast. The supervisor shall  
1615 safely keep the ballot unopened in his or her office until the  
1616 county canvassing board canvasses the vote pursuant to  
1617 subsection (2).

1618 (c) If two or more vote-by-mail ballots for the same  
1619 election are returned in one mailing envelope, the ballots may  
1620 not be counted.

1621 (d) Except as provided in subsection (4), after a vote-by-  
1622 mail ballot is received by the supervisor, the ballot is deemed  
1623 to have been cast, and changes or additions may not be made to  
1624 the voter's certificate.

1625 Section 29. Section 101.6923, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1626 to read:

1627 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
1628 certain first-time voters.—

1629 (1) This section applies ~~The provisions of this section~~  
1630 ~~apply~~ to voters who are subject to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 97.0535  
1631 and who have not provided the identification or information  
1632 required by s. 97.0535 by the time the vote-by-mail ballot is  
1633 mailed.

1634 (2) A voter covered by this section must ~~shall~~ be provided  
1635 with printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in



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1636 substantially the following form:

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1638 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR  
1639 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE  
1640 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

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1642 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be  
1643 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
1644 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
1645 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
1646 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
1647 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
1648 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
1649 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
1650 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
1651 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
1652 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less  
1653 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is  
1654 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the  
1655 election.

1656 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
1657 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
1658 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1659 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
1660 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
1661 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
1662 that race will not be counted.

1663 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
1664 envelope and seal the envelope.



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1665           5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
1666 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
1667 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
1668 envelope.

1669           a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
1670 Signature).

1671           b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
1672 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
1673 your ballot may not be counted.

1674           c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
1675 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
1676 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
1677 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
1678 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
1679 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
1680 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
1681 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
1682 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

1683           6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
1684 must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
1685 identification:

1686           a. Identification which must include your name and  
1687 photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
1688 military identification; student identification; retirement  
1689 center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
1690 public assistance identification; veteran health identification  
1691 card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;  
1692 a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an  
1693 employee identification card issued by any branch, department,



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1694 agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a  
1695 county, or a municipality; or

1696 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
1697 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
1698 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
1699 voter information card).

1700 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
1701 if you meet one of the following requirements:

1702 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

1703 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

1704 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
1705 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
1706 county on election day.

1707 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
1708 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
1709 county on election day.

1710 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
1711 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
1712 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
1713 election day.

1714 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

1715 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
1716 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
1717 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
1718 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
1719 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR  
1720 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1721 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
1722 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.



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1723           10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
1724 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
1725 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
1726 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
1727 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1728           Section 30. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.6925,  
1729 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1730           101.6925 Canvassing special vote-by-mail ballots.—

1731           (1) The supervisor of the county where the voter ~~absent~~  
1732 ~~elector~~ resides shall receive the voted special vote-by-mail  
1733 ballot, at which time the mailing envelope must ~~shall~~ be opened  
1734 to determine if the voter has enclosed the identification  
1735 required or has indicated on the Voter's Certificate that he or  
1736 she is exempt from the identification requirements.

1737           (3) If the identification is not enclosed in the mailing  
1738 envelope and the voter has not indicated that he or she is  
1739 exempt from the identification requirements, the supervisor must  
1740 ~~shall~~ check the voter registration records to determine if the  
1741 voter's identification was previously received or the voter had  
1742 previously notified the supervisor that he or she was exempt.  
1743 The envelope with the Voter's Certificate may ~~shall~~ not be  
1744 opened unless the identification has been received or the voter  
1745 has indicated that he or she is exempt. The ballot must ~~shall~~ be  
1746 treated as a provisional ballot and may ~~until 7 p.m. on election~~  
1747 ~~day and shall~~ not be canvassed unless the supervisor has  
1748 received the required identification or written indication of  
1749 exemption by 5 7 p.m. local time on the 2nd day following the ~~on~~  
1750 election ~~day~~.

1751           Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 101.694, Florida



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1752 Statutes, is amended to read:

1753       101.694 Mailing of ballots upon receipt of federal postcard  
1754 application.-

1755       (1) Upon receipt of a federal postcard application for a  
1756 vote-by-mail ballot executed by a person whose registration is  
1757 in order or whose application is sufficient to register or  
1758 update the registration of that person, the supervisor shall  
1759 send the ballot in accordance with s. 101.62(3) ~~s. 101.62(4)~~.

1760       Section 32. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 101.71,  
1761 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1762       101.71 Polling place.-

1763       (2) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (1),  
1764 whenever the supervisor of elections of any county determines  
1765 that the accommodations for holding any election at a polling  
1766 place designated for any precinct in the county are unavailable,  
1767 are inadequate for the expeditious and efficient housing and  
1768 handling of voting and voting paraphernalia, or do not comply  
1769 with the requirements of s. 101.715, the supervisor shall, not  
1770 less than 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the holding of an election,  
1771 provide for the voting place for such precinct to be moved to  
1772 another site that is accessible to the public on election day in  
1773 said precinct or, if such is not available, to another site that  
1774 is accessible to the public on election day in a contiguous  
1775 precinct. If such action of the supervisor results in the voting  
1776 place for two or more precincts being located for the purposes  
1777 of an election in one building, the supervisor of elections  
1778 shall provide adequate supplies, equipment, and personnel are  
1779 available to accommodate the voters for the precincts that are  
1780 collocated. When any supervisor moves any polling place pursuant



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1781 to this subsection, the supervisor shall, not more than 30 days  
1782 or fewer than 7 days before ~~prior to~~ the holding of an election,  
1783 give notice of the change of the polling place for the precinct  
1784 involved, with clear description of the voting place to which  
1785 changed, by publication on the county's website as provided in  
1786 s. 50.0311, on the supervisor's website, or at least once in a  
1787 newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~and on the~~  
1788 ~~supervisor of elections' website~~. A notice of the change of the  
1789 polling place involved shall be mailed, ~~at least 14 days~~ before  
1790 ~~prior to~~ an election, ~~to each registered elector or to each~~  
1791 household in which there is a registered elector.

1792 (5) Public, tax-supported buildings must ~~shall~~ be made  
1793 available for use as polling places, or early voting locations  
1794 that meet the requirements specified in s. 101.657, upon the  
1795 request of the supervisor of elections.

1796 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 101.733, Florida  
1797 Statutes, is amended to read:

1798 101.733 Election emergency; purpose; elections emergency  
1799 contingency plan.—Because of the existing and continuing  
1800 possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before  
1801 or during a regularly scheduled or special election, and in  
1802 order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral  
1803 process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons  
1804 seeking to exercise their right to vote, generally to minimize  
1805 to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during  
1806 declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of  
1807 the electoral process, it is hereby found and declared to be  
1808 necessary to designate a procedure for the emergency suspension  
1809 or delay and rescheduling of elections.



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1810           (2) The Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of  
1811 State, shall reschedule any election suspended or delayed due to  
1812 an emergency. The election shall be held within 10 days after  
1813 the date of the suspended or delayed election or as soon  
1814 thereafter as is practicable. Notice of the election must ~~shall~~  
1815 be published on the affected county's website as provided in s.  
1816 50.0311, on the affected supervisor's website, or at least once  
1817 in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area and,  
1818 where practicable, broadcast as a public service announcement on  
1819 radio and television stations at least 1 week before ~~prior to~~  
1820 the date the election is to be held.

1821           Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida  
1822 Statutes, is amended to read:

1823           102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

1824           (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 8 9  
1825 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 8 9 a.m. on  
1826 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of  
1827 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office. If  
1828 a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted  
1829 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the  
1830 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a  
1831 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the  
1832 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the  
1833 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify  
1834 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,  
1835 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and  
1836 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

1837           Section 35. Subsection (2) of section 102.112, Florida  
1838 Statutes, is amended to read:





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1839           102.112 Deadline for submission of county returns to the  
1840 Department of State.—

1841           (2) Returns must be filed no later than noon ~~by 5 p.m.~~ on  
1842 the 8th ~~7th~~ day following a primary election and no later than  
1843 ~~by~~ noon on the 13th ~~12th~~ day following the general election.

1844 However, the Department of State may correct typographical  
1845 errors, including the transposition of numbers, in any returns  
1846 submitted to the Department of State pursuant to s. 102.111(2).

1847           Section 36. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection  
1848 (2), and subsection (10) of section 102.141, Florida Statutes,  
1849 are amended to read:

1850           102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1851           (1) The county canvassing board shall be composed of the  
1852 supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as  
1853 chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners. The  
1854 names of the canvassing board members must be published on the  
1855 supervisor's website upon completion of the logic and accuracy  
1856 test. At least two alternate canvassing board members must be  
1857 appointed pursuant to paragraph (e). In the event any member of  
1858 the county canvassing board is unable to serve, is a candidate  
1859 who has opposition in the election being canvassed, or is an  
1860 active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate  
1861 who has opposition in the election being canvassed, such member  
1862 shall be replaced as follows:

1863           (a) If a ~~no~~ county court judge is unable ~~able~~ to serve or  
1864 if all are disqualified, the chief judge of the judicial circuit  
1865 in which the county is located must ~~shall~~ appoint as a  
1866 substitute member a qualified elector of the county who is not a  
1867 candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and



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1868 who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of  
1869 any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.  
1870 In such event, the members of the county canvassing board shall  
1871 meet and elect a chair.

1872 (b) If the supervisor of elections is unable to serve or is  
1873 disqualified, the chair of the board of county commissioners  
1874 must ~~shall~~ appoint as a substitute member a member of the board  
1875 of county commissioners who is not a candidate with opposition  
1876 in the election being canvassed and who is not an active  
1877 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with  
1878 opposition in the election being canvassed. The supervisor,  
1879 however, shall act in an advisory capacity to the canvassing  
1880 board.

1881 (c) If the chair of the board of county commissioners is  
1882 unable to serve or is disqualified, the board of county  
1883 commissioners must ~~shall~~ appoint as a substitute member one of  
1884 its members who is not a candidate with opposition in the  
1885 election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in  
1886 the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in  
1887 the election being canvassed.

1888 (d) If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be  
1889 appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the  
1890 event of a vacancy in such office, the chief judge of the  
1891 judicial circuit in which the county is located must ~~shall~~  
1892 appoint as a substitute member or alternate member a qualified  
1893 elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in  
1894 the election being canvassed and who is not an active  
1895 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with  
1896 opposition in the election being canvassed.



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1897 (e)1. The chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the  
1898 county is located shall appoint a county court judge as an  
1899 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each  
1900 county court judge is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall  
1901 appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a  
1902 substitute member under paragraph (a). Any alternate may serve  
1903 in any seat.

1904 2. The chair of the board of county commissioners shall  
1905 appoint a member of the board of county commissioners as an  
1906 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each  
1907 member of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve  
1908 or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is  
1909 qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (d).

1910 3. If a member of the county canvassing board is unable to  
1911 participate in a meeting of the board, the chair of the county  
1912 canvassing board or his or her designee must ~~shall~~ designate  
1913 which alternate member will serve as a member of the board in  
1914 the place of the member who is unable to participate at that  
1915 meeting.

1916 4. If not serving as one of the three members of the county  
1917 canvassing board, an alternate member may be present, observe,  
1918 and communicate with the three members constituting the county  
1919 canvassing board, but may not vote in the board's decisions or  
1920 determinations.

1921 (2)

1922 (b) Public notice of the canvassing board members,  
1923 alternates, time, and place at which the county canvassing board  
1924 shall meet to canvass the absent electors' ballots and  
1925 provisional ballots must be given at least 48 hours prior



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1926 thereto by publication on the county's website as provided in s.  
1927 50.0311, on the supervisor's website, or ~~and published~~ in one or  
1928 more newspapers of general circulation in the county. ~~or,~~ If the  
1929 applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper  
1930 of general circulation in the county, the notice must be posted  
1931 ~~by posting such notice~~ in at least four conspicuous places in  
1932 the county. The time given in the notice as to the convening of  
1933 the meeting of the county canvassing board must be specific and  
1934 may not be a time period during which the board may meet.

1935 (10) (a) The supervisor ~~At the same time that the official~~  
1936 ~~results of an election are certified to the Department of State,~~  
1937 ~~the county canvassing board~~ shall file a report with the  
1938 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later  
1939 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission  
1940 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe  
1941 all of the following:

1942 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct  
1943 level, at a counting location, or within computer and  
1944 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, and  
1945 the steps that were taken to address the malfunctions. ~~†~~

1946 2. All election definition errors that were discovered  
1947 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken  
1948 to address the errors. ~~†~~

1949 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing  
1950 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken  
1951 to address the errors or problems. ~~†~~

1952 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by  
1953 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the  
1954 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during



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1955 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to  
1956 correct such issues.~~†~~

1957 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment were  
1958 insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.~~†~~ and

1959 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or  
1960 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

1961 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional information  
1962 on any of the items required to be included in the report  
1963 pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the  
1964 supervisor must ~~shall~~ notify the division that new information  
1965 has been discovered no later than the next business day after  
1966 the discovery, and the supervisor must ~~shall~~ file an amended  
1967 report signed by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of  
1968 the election within 10 days after the discovery.

1969 (c) Such reports must ~~shall~~ be maintained on file in the  
1970 Division of Elections and must ~~shall~~ be available for public  
1971 inspection.

1972 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election  
1973 reports utilize the reports submitted by the canvassing boards  
1974 to determine what problems may be likely to occur in other  
1975 elections and disseminate such information, along with possible  
1976 solutions and training, to the supervisors of elections.

1977 (e) The department shall submit the analysis of these  
1978 reports for the general election as part of the consolidated  
1979 reports required under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor,  
1980 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
1981 Representatives by February 15 of each year following a general  
1982 election.

1983 Section 37. Section 103.021, Florida Statutes, is amended



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1984 to read:

1985           103.021 Nomination for presidential electors.—Candidates  
1986 for presidential electors shall be nominated in the following  
1987 manner:

1988           (1) (a) The Governor shall nominate the presidential  
1989 electors of each political party. The state executive committee  
1990 of each political party shall by resolution recommend candidates  
1991 for presidential electors and deliver a certified copy thereof  
1992 to the Governor no later than noon on August 24 ~~before September~~  
1993 ~~1~~ of each presidential election year. The Governor shall  
1994 nominate only the electors recommended by the state executive  
1995 committee of the respective political party.

1996           (b) The state executive committee of each political party  
1997 shall submit the Florida voter registration number and contact  
1998 information of each presidential elector. Each such presidential  
1999 elector must ~~shall~~ be a qualified registered voter of this state  
2000 and member elector of the party he or she represents who has  
2001 taken a written ~~an~~ oath that he or she will vote for the  
2002 candidates of the party that he or she is nominated to  
2003 represent.

2004           (c) The Governor shall certify to the Department of State  
2005 no later than 5 p.m. on August 24 ~~or before September 1~~, in each  
2006 presidential election year, the names of a number of electors  
2007 for each political party equal to the number of senators and  
2008 representatives which this state has in Congress.

2009           (2) The names of the presidential electors may ~~shall~~ not be  
2010 printed on the general election ballot, but the names of the  
2011 actual candidates for President and Vice President for whom the  
2012 presidential electors will vote if elected must ~~shall~~ be printed



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2013 on the ballot in the order in which the party of which the  
2014 candidate is a nominee polled the highest number of votes for  
2015 Governor in the last general election.

2016 (3) Candidates for President and Vice President with no  
2017 party affiliation may have their names printed on the general  
2018 election ballots if a petition is signed by 1 percent of the  
2019 registered voters ~~electors~~ of this state, as shown by the  
2020 compilation by the Department of State for the last preceding  
2021 general election. A separate petition from each county for which  
2022 signatures are solicited shall be submitted to the supervisor of  
2023 elections of the respective county no later than noon on July 15  
2024 of each presidential election year. The supervisor shall check  
2025 the names and, on or before the date of the primary election,  
2026 shall certify the number shown as registered voters ~~electors~~ of  
2027 the county. The supervisor shall be paid by the person  
2028 requesting the certification the cost of checking the petitions  
2029 as prescribed in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward  
2030 the certificate to the Department of State which shall determine  
2031 whether or not the percentage factor required in this section  
2032 has been met. When the percentage factor required in this  
2033 section has been met, the Department of State shall order the  
2034 names of the candidates for whom the petition was circulated to  
2035 be included on the ballot and shall allow ~~permit~~ the required  
2036 number of persons to be certified as presidential electors in  
2037 the same manner as party candidates.

2038 (4) (a) A minor political party that is affiliated with a  
2039 national party holding a national convention to nominate  
2040 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States  
2041 may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice



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2042 President of the United States printed on the general election  
2043 ballot by filing with the Department of State a certificate  
2044 naming the candidates for President and Vice President and  
2045 listing the required number of persons to serve as presidential  
2046 electors. Notification to the Department of State under this  
2047 subsection must ~~shall~~ be made no later than 5 p.m. on August 24  
2048 ~~by September 1~~ of the year in which the general election is  
2049 held. When the Department of State has been so notified, it  
2050 shall order the names of the candidates nominated by the minor  
2051 political party to be included on the ballot and shall allow  
2052 ~~permit~~ the required number of persons to be certified as  
2053 presidential electors in the same manner as other party  
2054 candidates. As used in this section, the term "national party"  
2055 means a political party that is registered with and recognized  
2056 as a qualified national committee of a political party by the  
2057 Federal Election Commission.

2058 (b) A minor political party that is not affiliated with a  
2059 national party holding a national convention to nominate  
2060 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States  
2061 may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice  
2062 President printed on the general election ballot if a petition  
2063 is signed by 1 percent of the registered voters ~~electors~~ of this  
2064 state, as shown by the compilation by the Department of State  
2065 for the preceding general election. A separate petition from  
2066 each county for which signatures are solicited must ~~shall~~ be  
2067 submitted to the supervisors of elections of the respective  
2068 county no later than noon on July 15 of each presidential  
2069 election year. The supervisor shall check the names and, on or  
2070 before the date of the primary election, shall certify the





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2071 number shown as registered voters ~~electors~~ of the county. The  
2072 supervisor shall be paid by the person requesting the  
2073 certification the cost of checking the petitions as prescribed  
2074 in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward the certificate  
2075 to the Department of State, which shall determine whether or not  
2076 the percentage factor required in this section has been met.  
2077 When the percentage factor required in this section has been  
2078 met, the Department of State shall order the names of the  
2079 candidates for whom the petition was circulated to be included  
2080 on the ballot and shall allow ~~permit~~ the required number of  
2081 persons to be certified as presidential electors in the same  
2082 manner as other party candidates.

2083 (5) When for any reason a person nominated or elected as a  
2084 presidential elector is unable to serve because of death,  
2085 incapacity, or otherwise, the Governor may appoint a person to  
2086 fill such vacancy who possesses the qualifications required for  
2087 the elector to have been nominated in the first instance. Such  
2088 person shall file with the Governor a written ~~an~~ oath that he or  
2089 she will support the same candidates for President and Vice  
2090 President that the person who is unable to serve was committed  
2091 to support.

2092 (6) A presidential elector's refusal or failure to vote for  
2093 the candidates for President and Vice President of the party the  
2094 presidential elector was nominated to represent constitutes his  
2095 or her resignation of the position. The vote he or she cast may  
2096 not be recorded, and his or her position as a presidential  
2097 elector must be filled as provided in subsection (5).

2098 Section 38. Section 103.022, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2099 to read:



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2100 103.022 Write-in candidates for President and Vice  
2101 President.—

2102 (1) Persons seeking to qualify for election as write-in  
2103 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States  
2104 may have a blank space provided on the general election ballot  
2105 for their names to be written in by filing an oath with the  
2106 Department of State at any time after the 57th day, but before  
2107 noon of the 49th day, before ~~prior to~~ the date of the primary  
2108 election in the year in which a presidential election is held.

2109 (2) The Department of State shall prescribe the form to be  
2110 used in administering the oath.

2111 (3) The write-in candidates shall file with the department  
2112 a certificate naming the required number of persons to serve as  
2113 electors. The write-in candidates shall submit the Florida voter  
2114 registration number and contact information for each  
2115 presidential elector. Each presidential elector must be a  
2116 qualified registered voter of this state. Such write-in  
2117 candidates ~~are shall~~ not be entitled to have their names on the  
2118 ballot.

2119 Section 39. Subsection (4) of section 103.091, Florida  
2120 Statutes, is amended to read:

2121 103.091 Political parties.—

2122 (4) Any political party other than a minor political party  
2123 may by rule provide for the membership of its state or county  
2124 executive committee to be elected for 4-year terms at the  
2125 primary election in each year a presidential election is held.  
2126 The terms ~~shall~~ commence on the first day of the month following  
2127 each presidential general election; but the names of candidates  
2128 for political party offices may ~~shall~~ not be placed on the



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2129 ballot at any other election. The results of such election are  
2130 ~~shall be~~ determined by a plurality of the votes cast. In such  
2131 event, electors seeking to qualify for such office shall do so  
2132 with the Department of State or supervisor of elections not  
2133 earlier than noon of the 71st day, or later than noon of the  
2134 67th day, preceding the primary election. A qualifying office  
2135 may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than  
2136 14 days before the beginning of the qualifying period, to be  
2137 processed and filed during the qualifying period. The outgoing  
2138 chair of each county executive committee shall, within 30 days  
2139 after the committee members take office, hold an organizational  
2140 meeting of all newly elected members for the purpose of electing  
2141 officers. The chair of each state executive committee shall,  
2142 within 60 days after the committee members take office, hold an  
2143 organizational meeting of all newly elected members for the  
2144 purpose of electing officers.

2145 Section 40. Section 104.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
2146 read:

2147 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.—

2148 (1) Any elector who knowingly votes or attempts to vote a  
2149 fraudulent ballot, or any person who knowingly solicits, or  
2150 attempts, to vote a fraudulent ballot, is guilty of a felony of  
2151 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
2152 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2153 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom  
2154 notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7) and who votes a  
2155 provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a final  
2156 determination of eligibility is made.

2157 Section 41. Section 104.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to



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2158 read:

2159 104.18 Casting more than one ballot at any election.—

2160 (1) Except as provided in s. 101.6952, whoever willfully  
2161 votes more than one ballot at any election commits a felony of  
2162 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
2163 775.083, or s. 775.084. In any prosecution under this section,  
2164 the prosecution may proceed in any jurisdiction in which one of  
2165 the ballots was willfully cast, and it is not necessary to prove  
2166 which of the ballots was cast first.

2167 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "votes more than  
2168 one ballot at any election" means an occurrence of any of the  
2169 following:

2170 (a) Voting more than once in the same election within a  
2171 county located within this state.

2172 (b) Voting more than once in the same election by voting in  
2173 two or more counties located in this state.

2174 (c) Voting more than once in the same election by voting in  
2175 this state and in one or more other states or territories of the  
2176 United States.

2177 Section 42. Subsection (1) of section 104.42, Florida  
2178 Statutes, is amended to read:

2179 104.42 Fraudulent registration and illegal voting;  
2180 investigation.—

2181 (1) The supervisor of elections is authorized to  
2182 investigate fraudulent registrations and illegal voting and to  
2183 report his or her findings to the local state attorney and the  
2184 Office of Election Crimes and Security Florida Elections  
2185 Commission.

2186 Section 43. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of



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2187 section 105.031, Florida Statutes, to read:

2188 105.031 Qualification; filing fee; candidate's oath; items  
2189 required to be filed.—

2190 (4) CANDIDATE'S OATH.—

2191 (c) In addition, each candidate for judicial office shall,  
2192 at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in  
2193 writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines, fees, or  
2194 penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any violations of s.  
2195 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for  
2196 Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112, any  
2197 local ethics ordinance governing standards of conduct and  
2198 disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. If the candidate owes  
2199 any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties exceeding the  
2200 threshold amount specified in this paragraph, he or she must  
2201 also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied such  
2202 fine, fee, or penalty. For purposes of this paragraph, any such  
2203 fines, fees, or penalties that have been paid in full at the  
2204 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation are not deemed to  
2205 be outstanding.

2206 Section 44. Present paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of  
2207 subsection (7) of section 106.03, Florida Statutes, are  
2208 redesignated as paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), respectively, and  
2209 a new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, to read:

2210 106.03 Registration of political committees and  
2211 electioneering communications organizations.—

2212 (7) The Division of Elections shall adopt rules to  
2213 prescribe the manner in which committees and electioneering  
2214 communications organizations may be dissolved and have their  
2215 registration canceled. Such rules shall, at a minimum, provide



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2216 for:

2217 (a) Payment of fines prior to registration cancelation or  
2218 dissolution.

2219 Section 45. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection  
2220 (8) of section 106.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2221 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

2222 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate or  
2223 political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file regular  
2224 reports of all contributions received, and all expenditures  
2225 made, by or on behalf of such candidate or political committee.

2226 Except for the third calendar quarter immediately preceding a  
2227 general election as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b), reports

2228 must shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each

2229 calendar quarter month from the time the campaign treasurer is

2230 appointed, except that, if the 10th day following the end of a

2231 calendar quarter month occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal

2232 holiday, the report must shall be filed on the next following

2233 day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly

2234 Monthly reports must shall include all contributions received

2235 and expenditures made during the calendar quarter month which

2236 have not otherwise been reported pursuant to this section.

2237 (a) A statewide candidate or a political committee required  
2238 to file reports with the division must file reports:

2239 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary  
2240 election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report  
2241 being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general  
2242 election.

2243 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general  
2244 election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report



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2245 being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general  
2246 election.

2247 (b) Any other candidate or a political committee required  
2248 to file reports with a filing officer other than the division  
2249 must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the  
2250 primary election, and biweekly on each Friday thereafter through  
2251 and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general  
2252 election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days  
2253 before the primary election and the general election.

2254 (c) Following the last day of qualifying for office, any  
2255 unopposed candidate need only file a report within 90 days after  
2256 the date such candidate became unopposed. Such report shall  
2257 contain all previously unreported contributions and expenditures  
2258 as required by this section and shall reflect disposition of  
2259 funds as required by s. 106.141.

2260 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy  
2261 in office, all political committees making contributions or  
2262 expenditures to influence the results of such special election  
2263 or the preceding special primary election shall file campaign  
2264 treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by  
2265 the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.

2266 2. When an election is called for an issue to appear on the  
2267 ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on  
2268 the ballot, all political committees making contributions or  
2269 expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall  
2270 file reports on the 18th and 4th days before such election.

2271 (e) The filing officer shall provide each candidate with a  
2272 schedule designating the beginning and end of reporting periods  
2273 as well as the corresponding designated due dates.



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2274           (f) A county, a municipality, or any other local  
2275 governmental entity is expressly preempted from enacting or  
2276 adopting a reporting schedule that differs from the requirements  
2277 established in this subsection.

2278           (8)

2279           (c) Any candidate or chair of a political committee may  
2280 appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to,  
2281 unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the  
2282 designated due date, and may request and shall be entitled to a  
2283 hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall  
2284 have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The  
2285 Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and  
2286 aggravating circumstances contained in s. 106.265(3) ~~s.~~  
2287 ~~106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be  
2288 waived. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after  
2289 receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case, the  
2290 candidate or chair of the political committee shall, within the  
2291 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or  
2292 her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

2293           Section 46. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section  
2294 106.0702, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2295           106.0702 Reporting; political party executive committee  
2296 candidates.—

2297           (7)

2298           (c) A reporting individual may appeal or dispute the fine,  
2299 based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances  
2300 surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and  
2301 may request and is entitled to a hearing before the Florida  
2302 Elections Commission, which has the authority to waive the fine





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2303 in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must  
2304 consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained  
2305 in s. 106.265(3) ~~s. 106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a  
2306 fine, if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made  
2307 within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In  
2308 such case, the reporting individual must, within 20 days after  
2309 receipt of the notice, notify the supervisor in writing of his  
2310 or her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

2311 Section 47. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
2312 (c) of subsection (7) of section 106.0703, Florida Statutes, are  
2313 amended to read:

2314 106.0703 Electioneering communications organizations;  
2315 reporting requirements; certification and filing; penalties.—

2316 (1) (a) Each electioneering communications organization  
2317 shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all  
2318 expenditures made by or on behalf of the organization. Except  
2319 for the third calendar quarter immediately preceding a general  
2320 election as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), reports must be  
2321 filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter  
2322 ~~month~~ from the time the organization is registered. However, if  
2323 the 10th day following the end of a calendar quarter ~~month~~  
2324 occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report must  
2325 be filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday,  
2326 Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly ~~Monthly~~ reports must include  
2327 all contributions received and expenditures made during the  
2328 calendar quarter ~~month~~ that have not otherwise been reported  
2329 pursuant to this section.

2330 (7)

2331 (c) The treasurer of an electioneering communications



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2332 organization may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not  
2333 limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to  
2334 file on the designated due date, and may request and shall be  
2335 entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission,  
2336 which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in  
2337 part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the  
2338 mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in s.  
2339 106.265(3) ~~s. 106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a fine,  
2340 if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made within 20  
2341 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case,  
2342 the treasurer of the electioneering communications organization  
2343 shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in  
2344 writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the  
2345 commission.

2346 Section 48. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
2347 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2348 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.-

2349 (2)

2350 (b) A candidate for statewide office may not accept  
2351 contributions from national, state, or county executive  
2352 committees of a political party, including any subordinate  
2353 committee of the political party, or affiliated party  
2354 committees, which contributions in the aggregate exceed  
2355 \$250,000. Polling services, research services, costs for  
2356 campaign staff, professional consulting services, ~~and~~ telephone  
2357 calls, and text messages are not contributions to be counted  
2358 toward the contribution limits of paragraph (a) or this  
2359 paragraph. Any item not expressly identified in this paragraph  
2360 as nonallocable is a contribution in an amount equal to the fair



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2361 market value of the item and must be counted as allocable toward  
2362 the contribution limits of paragraph (a) or this paragraph.  
2363 Nonallocable, in-kind contributions must be reported by the  
2364 candidate under s. 106.07 and by the political party or  
2365 affiliated party committee under s. 106.29.

2366 Section 49. Section 106.1436, Florida Statutes, is created  
2367 to read:

2368 106.1436 Voter guide; disclaimers; violations.—

2369 (1) As used in this section, the term "voter guide" means  
2370 direct mail that is either an electioneering communication or a  
2371 political advertisement sent for the purpose of advocating for  
2372 or endorsing particular issues or candidates by recommending  
2373 specific electoral choices to the voter or by indicating issue  
2374 or candidate selections on an unofficial ballot. The term does  
2375 not apply to direct mail or publications made by governmental  
2376 entities or government officials in their official capacity.

2377 (2) A person may not, directly or indirectly, represent  
2378 that a voter guide is an official publication of a political  
2379 party unless such person is given written permission pursuant to  
2380 s. 103.081.

2381 (3) A voter guide circulated before, or on the day of, an  
2382 election must, in bold font with a font size of at least 12  
2383 point, prominently:

2384 (a) Display the following disclaimer at the top of the  
2385 first page of the voter guide:

2386 1. If the voter guide is an electioneering communication,  
2387 the disclaimer required under s. 106.1439; or

2388 2. If the voter guide is a political advertisement, the  
2389 disclaimer required under s. 106.143.



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2390 (b) Be marked "Voter Guide" with such text appearing  
2391 immediately below the disclaimer required in paragraph (a).

2392 (4) (a) In addition to any other penalties provided by law,  
2393 a person who fails to comply with this section commits a  
2394 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
2395 775.082 or by a fine of not less than \$25 for each individual  
2396 voter guide distributed.

2397 (b) Any fine imposed pursuant to paragraph (a) may not  
2398 exceed \$2,500 in the aggregate in any calendar month.

2399 Section 50. Present subsections (2) through (6) of section  
2400 106.265, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)  
2401 through (7), respectively, subsection (1) of that section is  
2402 amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to  
2403 read:

2404 106.265 Civil penalties.—

2405 (1) (a) The commission or, in cases referred to the Division  
2406 of Administrative Hearings pursuant to s. 106.25(5), the  
2407 administrative law judge is authorized upon the finding of a  
2408 violation of this chapter or chapter 104 to impose civil  
2409 penalties in the form of fines not to exceed \$2,500 ~~\$1,000~~ per  
2410 count. The fine may be multiplied by a factor of 3, not to  
2411 exceed \$7,500, for each subsequent count of the same category,  
2412 beginning with the fourth offense. ~~or,~~

2413 (b) If applicable, the commission or the administrative law  
2414 judge may instead ~~to~~ impose a civil penalty as provided in s.  
2415 104.271 or s. 106.19.

2416 (2) A fine imposed against a political committee jointly  
2417 and severally attaches to the chair of the political committee  
2418 if the political committee does not pay the fine within 30 days.



2419 Section 51. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section  
2420 322.142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2421 322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.—

2422 (4) The department may maintain a film negative or print  
2423 file. The department shall maintain a record of the digital  
2424 image and signature of the licensees, together with other data  
2425 required by the department for identification and retrieval.  
2426 Reproductions from the file or digital record are exempt from  
2427 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and may be made and issued only:

2428 (e) To the Department of State or a supervisor of elections  
2429 pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate  
2430 determinations of eligibility of voter registration applicants  
2431 and registered voters in accordance with ss. 98.045 and 98.075;

2432 Section 52. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
2433 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
2434 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
2435 2023.

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2437 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

2438 And the title is amended as follows:

2439 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
2440 and insert:

2441 A bill to be entitled  
2442 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.012,  
2443 F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to provide  
2444 mandatory formal signature matching training to  
2445 specified persons; requiring the Department of State  
2446 to adopt specified rules; amending s. 97.052, F.S.;  
2447 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;



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2448 amending s. 97.057, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
2449 reference; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; requiring that  
2450 third-party voter registration organizations provide  
2451 to the Division of Elections the general election  
2452 cycle for which they are registering persons to vote,  
2453 beginning on a certain date; requiring that third-  
2454 party voter registration organizations provide to the  
2455 division certain affirmations; providing that a third-  
2456 party voter registration organization is liable for  
2457 certain fines in certain circumstances; providing that  
2458 the registration of such organizations expires at the  
2459 conclusion of the organizations' lawful  
2460 responsibilities following such election cycle,  
2461 beginning on a certain date; requiring such  
2462 organizations to provide applicants with a specified  
2463 receipt; requiring the division to adopt by rule a  
2464 uniform format for such receipt by a specified date;  
2465 revising the timeframe within which such organizations  
2466 must deliver applications to the division or a  
2467 supervisor of elections; revising the fines for  
2468 failure to submit applications to the division or the  
2469 supervisor within the specified timeframe; prohibiting  
2470 a person collecting applications on behalf of a third-  
2471 party voter registration organization from copying  
2472 specified information from the application for reasons  
2473 other than complying with specified requirements;  
2474 providing criminal penalties; prohibiting  
2475 organizations from providing prefilled voter  
2476 registration applications to applicants; providing



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2477 civil penalties; providing for retroactive  
2478 application; amending s. 97.071, F.S.; revising the  
2479 contents of voter information cards; providing  
2480 construction; providing applicability; amending s.  
2481 98.065, F.S.; revising the procedures a supervisor  
2482 must incorporate as part of his or her list  
2483 maintenance program; deleting a provision relating to  
2484 the address to which certain voter registration mail  
2485 must be addressed; revising requirements applicable to  
2486 registration list maintenance programs; requiring a  
2487 supervisor to conduct a certain review of voter  
2488 registration records at least annually and take  
2489 certain actions; amending s. 98.0655, F.S.; deleting a  
2490 provision that requires an address confirmation  
2491 request to include a certain statement; amending s.  
2492 98.075, F.S.; deleting the scheduled repeal of a  
2493 public records exemption for certain voter  
2494 registration information from another state or the  
2495 District of Columbia; requiring the supervisor to  
2496 remove the name of a registered voter from the  
2497 statewide voter registration system within a specified  
2498 timeframe if certain conditions exist; requiring the  
2499 supervisor to coordinate with his or her respective  
2500 clerk of the court to obtain information of those  
2501 registered voters convicted of a felony who have not  
2502 had their voting rights restored; requiring a  
2503 supervisor to adhere to specified procedures before  
2504 the removal of a registered voter from the statewide  
2505 voter registration system; providing construction;



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2506 requiring the notice that the supervisor must provide  
2507 to a potentially ineligible voter to include a  
2508 specified statement; authorizing a supervisor to post  
2509 a specified notice on the county's website or the  
2510 supervisor's website; requiring the notice to contain  
2511 specified statements; requiring the supervisor to make  
2512 a final determination of the voter's eligibility  
2513 within a specified timeframe and remove the name of a  
2514 registered voter within a specified timeframe if the  
2515 registered voter fails to respond or responds in a  
2516 certain manner to certain notices; requiring the  
2517 supervisor to review evidence and make a determination  
2518 of eligibility within a specified timeframe in certain  
2519 circumstances; requiring the supervisor to remove an  
2520 ineligible voter within a specified timeframe and  
2521 notify the voter that he or she has the right to  
2522 appeal the determination of ineligibility; requiring  
2523 the supervisor to schedule and issue notice of a  
2524 hearing within a specified timeframe after receiving  
2525 the voter's hearing request; requiring that the  
2526 hearing be held within a specified timeframe;  
2527 authorizing the voter to request an extension;  
2528 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
2529 amending s. 98.077, F.S.; deleting a reference to the  
2530 department from a provision requiring correspondence  
2531 to include certain information; requiring a supervisor  
2532 to publish a specified notice in a newspaper, on the  
2533 county's website, or on the supervisor's website;  
2534 requiring that signature updates used to verify





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2535 signatures on ballot certificates or petitions be  
2536 received by the supervisor before the voter's ballot  
2537 is received, his or her provisional ballot is cast, or  
2538 the petition is submitted for signature verification;  
2539 requiring the supervisor to use the signature on file  
2540 at the time the vote-by-mail ballot is received, the  
2541 provisional ballot is cast, or the petition is  
2542 reviewed; providing an exception; amending s. 98.093,  
2543 F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to weekly  
2544 furnish a specified list to the Department of State;  
2545 requiring clerks of the circuit court to weekly  
2546 furnish specified information to the Department of  
2547 State; requiring the clerks to provide certain  
2548 information to the department for specified purposes;  
2549 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to  
2550 identify and report specified persons to the  
2551 Department of State at least weekly; requiring the  
2552 Florida Commission on Offender Review to furnish data  
2553 on clemency to the Department of State at least  
2554 weekly; requiring the Department of Corrections to  
2555 identify persons convicted of a felony and committed  
2556 to its custody, and to provide such information to the  
2557 Department of State, at least weekly; requiring the  
2558 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
2559 weekly furnish specified information to the Department  
2560 of State; revising construction; making technical  
2561 changes; amending s. 98.0981, F.S.; requiring  
2562 supervisors to submit specified reports to the  
2563 department within a specified timeframe; requiring



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2564 supervisors to prepare a reconciliation report and  
2565 submit such report to the department; providing  
2566 requirements for, and the required format of, the  
2567 report; revising the requirement that supervisors  
2568 transmit to the department, in a specified format, the  
2569 completely updated voting history information for each  
2570 qualified voter who voted; defining the term "unique  
2571 precinct identifier"; requiring supervisors to submit  
2572 a specified geographical information system map to the  
2573 department; requiring the department to submit an  
2574 election summary report containing certain information  
2575 to the Legislature following the certification by the  
2576 Elections Canvassing Commission of specified  
2577 elections; deleting certain file specifications;  
2578 revising the timeframe for a supervisor to collect and  
2579 submit to the department precinct-level election  
2580 results after certification by the commission of  
2581 specified elections; revising the procedures for  
2582 compiling such results; requiring the supervisor to  
2583 research and address questions or issues identified by  
2584 the department in such results; requiring the  
2585 supervisor to provide amended precinct-level election  
2586 results to the department within a specified  
2587 timeframe, if certain conditions exist; requiring the  
2588 department to publish such results online within a  
2589 specified timeframe; specifying requirements for the  
2590 website; requiring certain files to be created in  
2591 accordance with, and providing requirements for, a  
2592 certain rule; defining the term "unique precinct



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2593 identifier"; providing the timeframe within which the  
2594 department must compile and make available certain  
2595 precinct-level statistical data; requiring the  
2596 department to adopt specified rules; amending s.  
2597 99.012, F.S.; defining the term "qualify" for purposes  
2598 of restrictions on individuals qualifying for public  
2599 office; revising applicability; providing  
2600 construction; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the  
2601 form of the candidate oath to require that candidates  
2602 acknowledge certain outstanding fines, fees, or  
2603 penalties relating to ethics or campaign finance  
2604 violations; creating s. 99.0215, F.S.; requiring a  
2605 candidate to designate in the candidate's oath the  
2606 name he or she wishes to have printed on the ballot,  
2607 subject to specified conditions; requiring a candidate  
2608 to file a specified affidavit simultaneously with the  
2609 oath if the candidate wishes to use a nickname, which  
2610 is subject to certain conditions; defining the term  
2611 "political slogan"; prohibiting the use of a  
2612 professional title or degree except in specified  
2613 circumstances; amending s. 99.097, F.S.; requiring the  
2614 person or organization that submits signatures for a  
2615 local or statewide issue to pay the supervisor in  
2616 advance for checking the signatures; making technical  
2617 changes; amending s. 100.021, F.S.; providing  
2618 alternative methods for providing notice of a general  
2619 election; amending s. 100.141, F.S.; revising the  
2620 methods by which a supervisor may publish notice of a  
2621 special election; amending s. 100.342, F.S.;



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2622 specifying that the notice for a special election or  
2623 referendum may be published on the county's website,  
2624 the municipality's website, or the supervisor's  
2625 website, as applicable; amending s. 101.001, F.S.;

2626 revising requirements for specified maps maintained by  
2627 supervisors of elections; authorizing supervisors of  
2628 elections to coordinate with other governmental  
2629 entities for a certain purpose; deleting a provision  
2630 requiring supervisors to provide the department  
2631 certain data on precincts in the county; deleting a  
2632 provision requiring the department to maintain a  
2633 certain database; requiring supervisors of elections  
2634 to include changes in the name of a precinct in a  
2635 certain document; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; providing  
2636 that specified persons are entitled to vote a  
2637 provisional ballot; amending s. 101.151, F.S.;

2638 requiring the word "incumbent" to appear next to a  
2639 candidate's name on an election ballot under specified  
2640 conditions; amending s. 101.5612, F.S.; revising the  
2641 methods by which certain notice may be provided;

2642 amending s. 101.6103, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
2643 reference; making technical changes; amending s.  
2644 101.62, F.S.; specifying that a supervisor must accept  
2645 requests for vote-by-mail ballots only from specified  
2646 persons; providing that a request may be made through  
2647 a supervisor's website; requiring the department to  
2648 adopt by rule a uniform statewide application for a  
2649 written request for a vote-by-mail ballot by a  
2650 specified date; requiring a supervisor to cancel a



2651 request for a vote-by-mail ballot if certain mail sent  
2652 by the supervisor to the voter is returned to the  
2653 supervisor as undeliverable; requiring a voter who  
2654 subsequently requests a vote-by-mail ballot to provide  
2655 or confirm his or her current residential address;  
2656 requiring the supervisor to add certain information to  
2657 the voter's registration record if such information is  
2658 provided in the vote-by-mail request; revising the  
2659 definition of the term "immediate family"; deleting a  
2660 provision requiring vote-by-mail ballot requests to be  
2661 received by a specified time before the supervisor  
2662 mails a vote-by-mail ballot; revising the day after  
2663 which a supervisor may not mail a vote-by-mail ballot;  
2664 providing the deadline for submitting a vote-by-mail  
2665 ballot request; revising the means by which and the  
2666 period during which a supervisor must provide a vote-  
2667 by-mail ballot to a voter; prohibiting a supervisor  
2668 from personally delivering a vote-by-mail ballot to  
2669 certain voters or delivering a vote-by-mail ballot to  
2670 certain voters' designees during a certain period  
2671 unless certain conditions exist; making technical  
2672 changes; amending s. 101.67, F.S.; requiring the  
2673 supervisor to segregate and treat certain ballots as  
2674 provisional; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; prohibiting  
2675 vote-by-mail ballots from being counted if two or more  
2676 ballots arrive in one mailing envelope; making  
2677 technical changes; amending s. 101.6923, F.S.;  
2678 requiring that a specified statement be included in a  
2679 vote-by-mail ballot provided to certain voters; making



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2680 technical changes; amending s. 101.6925, F.S.;

2681 revising the deadline for a voter to make specified

2682 information available to the supervisor before a vote-

2683 by-mail ballot may be canvassed; amending s. 101.694,

2684 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.

2685 101.71, F.S.; revising the methods by which certain

2686 notice may be provided; requiring certain public, tax-

2687 supported buildings to be made available for use as

2688 early voting locations upon the request of the

2689 supervisor; amending s. 101.733, F.S.; revising the

2690 methods by which certain notice may be provided;

2691 amending s. 102.111, F.S.; revising the time at which

2692 the Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet to

2693 certify returns; amending s. 102.112, F.S.; revising

2694 the timeframe in which county returns must be filed

2695 with the department; amending s. 102.141, F.S.;

2696 requiring a certain number of alternate canvassing

2697 board members; revising the methods by which certain

2698 notice may be provided; requiring the supervisor to

2699 file a report with the Division of Elections within a

2700 specified timeframe; revising the requirements for the

2701 report; requiring the division to review the report

2702 and offer specified training to supervisors based on

2703 the report; requiring the department to submit an

2704 analysis of specified reports to the Governor and the

2705 Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 103.021,

2706 F.S.; revising the timeframe within which a political

2707 party executive committee must submit its presidential

2708 electors to the Governor for nomination; requiring the



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2709 state executive committee of each party to submit  
2710 specified information; requiring that electors be  
2711 qualified registered voters and members of the  
2712 political party for which they are named as electors;  
2713 specifying that a required oath be made in writing;  
2714 revising the timeframe within which the Governor must  
2715 certify the electors to the department; revising the  
2716 timeframe within which a minor political party must  
2717 submit its list of presidential electors to the  
2718 department; requiring presidential electors to file  
2719 with the Governor a certain written oath; providing  
2720 that certain acts constitute a resignation of the  
2721 position of presidential elector; amending s. 103.022,  
2722 F.S.; requiring certain write-in candidates to submit  
2723 specified information; amending s. 103.091, F.S.;

2724 authorizing a qualifying office to accept and hold  
2725 qualifying papers for candidates for political party  
2726 offices within a specified timeframe before the  
2727 qualifying period; amending s. 104.16, F.S.; providing  
2728 applicability; amending s. 104.18, F.S.; providing  
2729 that a prosecution for voting more than one ballot may  
2730 proceed in any jurisdiction in which a ballot was  
2731 willfully cast; providing that it is not necessary to  
2732 prove which ballot was cast first; defining the term  
2733 "votes more than one ballot at any election"; amending  
2734 s. 104.42, F.S.; authorizing a supervisor to report  
2735 certain findings to the Office of Election Crimes and  
2736 Security rather than the Florida Elections Commission;  
2737 amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising the form of the



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2738 candidate's oath to require that candidates for  
2739 judicial office acknowledge certain outstanding fines,  
2740 fees, or penalties relating to ethics or campaign  
2741 finance violations; amending s. 106.03, F.S.;  
2742 requiring the division to adopt specified rules;  
2743 amending s. 106.07, F.S.; revising reporting intervals  
2744 for candidates and political committees from monthly  
2745 to quarterly; preempting local governments from  
2746 establishing reporting schedules that differ from  
2747 certain requirements; conforming a cross-reference;  
2748 amending s. 106.0702, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
2749 reference; amending s. 106.0703, F.S.; revising  
2750 reporting intervals for electioneering communications  
2751 organizations from monthly to quarterly; conforming a  
2752 cross-reference; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; adding text  
2753 messages to the items that do not constitute  
2754 contributions to be counted toward certain  
2755 contribution limits; creating s. 106.1436, F.S.;  
2756 defining the term "voter guide"; prohibiting a person  
2757 from representing that a voter guide is an official  
2758 publication of a political party; providing an  
2759 exception; providing disclosure requirements for such  
2760 voter guides; providing criminal penalties and fines;  
2761 amending s. 106.265, F.S.; increasing the maximum  
2762 civil fines that may be imposed for specified  
2763 violations; providing that fines assessed against a  
2764 political committee also attach jointly and severally  
2765 to the chair of the political committee under  
2766 specified conditions; amending s. 322.142, F.S.;





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2767           authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
2768           Vehicles to provide certain reproductions to a  
2769           supervisor of elections; providing effective dates.