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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2     An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.012,  
3     F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to provide  
4     mandatory formal signature matching training to  
5     specified persons; requiring the Department of State  
6     to adopt specified rules; amending s. 97.052, F.S.;  
7     conforming a provision to changes made by the act;  
8     amending s. 97.057, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
9     reference; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; requiring that  
10    third-party voter registration organizations provide  
11    to the Division of Elections the general election  
12    cycle for which they are registering persons to vote,  
13    beginning on a certain date; requiring that third-  
14    party voter registration organizations provide to the  
15    division certain affirmations; providing that a third-  
16    party voter registration organization is liable for  
17    certain fines in certain circumstances; providing that  
18    the registration of such organizations expires at the  
19    conclusion of the organizations' lawful  
20    responsibilities following such election cycle,  
21    beginning on a certain date; requiring such  
22    organizations to provide applicants with a specified  
23    receipt; requiring the division to adopt by rule a  
24    uniform format for such receipt by a specified date;  
25    revising the timeframe within which such organizations  
26    must deliver applications to the division or a  
27    supervisor of elections; revising the fines for  
28    failure to submit applications to the division or the  
29    supervisor within the specified timeframe; prohibiting

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30 a person collecting applications on behalf of a third-  
31 party voter registration organization from copying  
32 specified information from the application for reasons  
33 other than complying with specified requirements;  
34 providing criminal penalties; prohibiting  
35 organizations from providing prefilled voter  
36 registration applications to applicants; providing  
37 civil penalties; providing for retroactive  
38 application; amending s. 97.071, F.S.; revising the  
39 contents of voter information cards; providing  
40 construction; providing applicability; amending s.  
41 98.065, F.S.; revising the procedures a supervisor  
42 must incorporate as part of his or her list  
43 maintenance program; deleting a provision relating to  
44 the address to which certain voter registration mail  
45 must be addressed; revising requirements applicable to  
46 registration list maintenance programs; requiring a  
47 supervisor to conduct a certain review of voter  
48 registration records at least annually and take  
49 certain actions; amending s. 98.0655, F.S.; deleting a  
50 provision that requires an address confirmation  
51 request to include a certain statement; amending s.  
52 98.075, F.S.; deleting the scheduled repeal of a  
53 public records exemption for certain voter  
54 registration information from another state or the  
55 District of Columbia; requiring the supervisor to  
56 remove the name of a registered voter from the  
57 statewide voter registration system within a specified  
58 timeframe if certain conditions exist; requiring the

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59 supervisor to coordinate with his or her respective  
60 clerk of the court to obtain information of those  
61 registered voters convicted of a felony who have not  
62 had their voting rights restored; requiring a  
63 supervisor to adhere to specified procedures before  
64 the removal of a registered voter from the statewide  
65 voter registration system; providing construction;  
66 requiring the notice that the supervisor must provide  
67 to a potentially ineligible voter to include a  
68 specified statement; authorizing a supervisor to post  
69 a specified notice on the county's website or the  
70 supervisor's website; requiring the notice to contain  
71 specified statements; requiring the supervisor to make  
72 a final determination of the voter's eligibility  
73 within a specified timeframe and remove the name of a  
74 registered voter within a specified timeframe if the  
75 registered voter fails to respond or responds in a  
76 certain manner to certain notices; requiring the  
77 supervisor to review evidence and make a determination  
78 of eligibility within a specified timeframe in certain  
79 circumstances; requiring the supervisor to remove an  
80 ineligible voter within a specified timeframe and  
81 notify the voter that he or she has the right to  
82 appeal the determination of ineligibility; requiring  
83 the supervisor to schedule and issue notice of a  
84 hearing within a specified timeframe after receiving  
85 the voter's hearing request; requiring that the  
86 hearing be held within a specified timeframe;  
87 authorizing the voter to request an extension;

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88 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
89 amending s. 98.077, F.S.; deleting a reference to the  
90 department from a provision requiring correspondence  
91 to include certain information; requiring a supervisor  
92 to publish a specified notice in a newspaper, on the  
93 county's website, or on the supervisor's website;  
94 requiring that signature updates used to verify  
95 signatures on ballot certificates or petitions be  
96 received by the supervisor before the voter's ballot  
97 is received, his or her provisional ballot is cast, or  
98 the petition is submitted for signature verification;  
99 requiring the supervisor to use the signature on file  
100 at the time the vote-by-mail ballot is received, the  
101 provisional ballot is cast, or the petition is  
102 reviewed; providing an exception; amending s. 98.093,  
103 F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to weekly  
104 furnish a specified list to the Department of State;  
105 requiring clerks of the circuit court to weekly  
106 furnish specified information to the Department of  
107 State; requiring the clerks to provide certain  
108 information to the department for specified purposes;  
109 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to  
110 identify and report specified persons to the  
111 Department of State at least weekly; requiring the  
112 Florida Commission on Offender Review to furnish data  
113 on clemency to the Department of State at least  
114 weekly; requiring the Department of Corrections to  
115 identify persons convicted of a felony and committed  
116 to its custody, and to provide such information to the

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117 Department of State, at least weekly; requiring the  
118 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
119 weekly furnish specified information to the Department  
120 of State; revising construction; making technical  
121 changes; amending s. 98.0981, F.S.; requiring  
122 supervisors to submit specified reports to the  
123 department within a specified timeframe; requiring  
124 supervisors to prepare a reconciliation report and  
125 submit such report to the department; providing  
126 requirements for, and the required format of, the  
127 report; revising the requirement that supervisors  
128 transmit to the department, in a specified format, the  
129 completely updated voting history information for each  
130 qualified voter who voted; defining the term "unique  
131 precinct identifier"; requiring supervisors to submit  
132 a specified geographical information system map to the  
133 department; requiring the department to submit an  
134 election summary report containing certain information  
135 to the Legislature following the certification by the  
136 Elections Canvassing Commission of specified  
137 elections; deleting certain file specifications;  
138 revising the timeframe for a supervisor to collect and  
139 submit to the department precinct-level election  
140 results after certification by the commission of  
141 specified elections; revising the procedures for  
142 compiling such results; requiring the supervisor to  
143 research and address questions or issues identified by  
144 the department in such results; requiring the  
145 supervisor to provide amended precinct-level election

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146 results to the department within a specified  
147 timeframe, if certain conditions exist; requiring the  
148 department to publish such results online within a  
149 specified timeframe; specifying requirements for the  
150 website; requiring certain files to be created in  
151 accordance with, and providing requirements for, a  
152 certain rule; defining the term "unique precinct  
153 identifier"; providing the timeframe within which the  
154 department must compile and make available certain  
155 precinct-level statistical data; requiring the  
156 department to adopt specified rules; amending s.  
157 99.012, F.S.; defining the term "qualify" for purposes  
158 of restrictions on individuals qualifying for public  
159 office; revising applicability; providing  
160 construction; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the  
161 form of the candidate oath to require that candidates  
162 acknowledge certain outstanding fines, fees, or  
163 penalties relating to ethics or campaign finance  
164 violations; creating s. 99.0215, F.S.; requiring a  
165 candidate to designate in the candidate's oath the  
166 name he or she wishes to have printed on the ballot,  
167 subject to specified conditions; requiring a candidate  
168 to file a specified affidavit simultaneously with the  
169 oath if the candidate wishes to use a nickname, which  
170 is subject to certain conditions; defining the term  
171 "political slogan"; prohibiting the use of a  
172 professional title or degree except in specified  
173 circumstances; amending s. 99.097, F.S.; requiring the  
174 person or organization that submits signatures for a

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175 local or statewide issue to pay the supervisor in  
176 advance for checking the signatures; making technical  
177 changes; amending s. 100.021, F.S.; providing  
178 alternative methods for providing notice of a general  
179 election; amending s. 100.141, F.S.; revising the  
180 methods by which a supervisor may publish notice of a  
181 special election; amending s. 100.342, F.S.;  
182 specifying that the notice for a special election or  
183 referendum may be published on the county's website,  
184 the municipality's website, or the supervisor's  
185 website, as applicable; amending s. 101.001, F.S.;  
186 revising requirements for specified maps maintained by  
187 supervisors of elections; authorizing supervisors of  
188 elections to coordinate with other governmental  
189 entities for a certain purpose; deleting a provision  
190 requiring supervisors to provide the department  
191 certain data on precincts in the county; deleting a  
192 provision requiring the department to maintain a  
193 certain database; requiring supervisors of elections  
194 to include changes in the name of a precinct in a  
195 certain document; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; providing  
196 that specified persons are entitled to vote a  
197 provisional ballot; amending s. 101.151, F.S.;  
198 requiring the word "incumbent" to appear next to a  
199 candidate's name on an election ballot under specified  
200 conditions; amending s. 101.5612, F.S.; revising the  
201 methods by which certain notice may be provided;  
202 amending s. 101.6103, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
203 reference; making technical changes; amending s.

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204 101.62, F.S.; specifying that a supervisor must accept  
205 requests for vote-by-mail ballots only from specified  
206 persons; providing that a request may be made through  
207 a supervisor's website; requiring the department to  
208 adopt by rule a uniform statewide application for a  
209 written request for a vote-by-mail ballot by a  
210 specified date; requiring a supervisor to cancel a  
211 request for a vote-by-mail ballot if certain mail sent  
212 by the supervisor to the voter is returned to the  
213 supervisor as undeliverable; requiring a voter who  
214 subsequently requests a vote-by-mail ballot to provide  
215 or confirm his or her current residential address;  
216 requiring the supervisor to add certain information to  
217 the voter's registration record if such information is  
218 provided in the vote-by-mail request; revising the  
219 definition of the term "immediate family"; deleting a  
220 provision requiring vote-by-mail ballot requests to be  
221 received by a specified time before the supervisor  
222 mails a vote-by-mail ballot; revising the day after  
223 which a supervisor may not mail a vote-by-mail ballot;  
224 providing the deadline for submitting a vote-by-mail  
225 ballot request; revising the means by which and the  
226 period during which a supervisor must provide a vote-  
227 by-mail ballot to a voter; prohibiting a supervisor  
228 from personally delivering a vote-by-mail ballot to  
229 certain voters or delivering a vote-by-mail ballot to  
230 certain voters' designees during a certain period  
231 unless certain conditions exist; making technical  
232 changes; amending s. 101.67, F.S.; requiring the



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233 supervisor to segregate and treat certain ballots as  
234 provisional; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; prohibiting  
235 vote-by-mail ballots from being counted if two or more  
236 ballots arrive in one mailing envelope; making  
237 technical changes; amending s. 101.6923, F.S.;

238 requiring that a specified statement be included in a  
239 vote-by-mail ballot provided to certain voters; making  
240 technical changes; amending s. 101.6925, F.S.;

241 revising the deadline for a voter to make specified  
242 information available to the supervisor before a vote-  
243 by-mail ballot may be canvassed; amending s. 101.694,  
244 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.  
245 101.71, F.S.; revising the methods by which certain  
246 notice may be provided; requiring certain public, tax-  
247 supported buildings to be made available for use as  
248 early voting locations upon the request of the  
249 supervisor; amending s. 101.733, F.S.; revising the  
250 methods by which certain notice may be provided;

251 amending s. 102.111, F.S.; revising the time at which  
252 the Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet to  
253 certify returns; amending s. 102.112, F.S.; revising  
254 the timeframe in which county returns must be filed  
255 with the department; amending s. 102.141, F.S.;

256 requiring a certain number of alternate canvassing  
257 board members; revising the methods by which certain  
258 notice may be provided; requiring the supervisor to  
259 file a report with the Division of Elections within a  
260 specified timeframe; revising the requirements for the  
261 report; requiring the division to review the report

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262 and offer specified training to supervisors based on  
263 the report; requiring the department to submit an  
264 analysis of specified reports to the Governor and the  
265 Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 103.021,  
266 F.S.; revising the timeframe within which a political  
267 party executive committee must submit its presidential  
268 electors to the Governor for nomination; requiring the  
269 state executive committee of each party to submit  
270 specified information; requiring that electors be  
271 qualified registered voters and members of the  
272 political party for which they are named as electors;  
273 specifying that a required oath be made in writing;  
274 revising the timeframe within which the Governor must  
275 certify the electors to the department; revising the  
276 timeframe within which a minor political party must  
277 submit its list of presidential electors to the  
278 department; requiring presidential electors to file  
279 with the Governor a certain written oath; providing  
280 that certain acts constitute a resignation of the  
281 position of presidential elector; amending s. 103.022,  
282 F.S.; requiring certain write-in candidates to submit  
283 specified information; amending s. 103.091, F.S.;  
284 authorizing a qualifying office to accept and hold  
285 qualifying papers for candidates for political party  
286 offices within a specified timeframe before the  
287 qualifying period; amending s. 104.16, F.S.; providing  
288 applicability; amending s. 104.18, F.S.; providing  
289 that a prosecution for voting more than one ballot may  
290 proceed in any jurisdiction in which a ballot was

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291 willfully cast; providing that it is not necessary to  
292 prove which ballot was cast first; defining the term  
293 "votes more than one ballot at any election"; amending  
294 s. 104.42, F.S.; authorizing a supervisor to report  
295 certain findings to the Office of Election Crimes and  
296 Security rather than the Florida Elections Commission;  
297 amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising the form of the  
298 candidate's oath to require that candidates for  
299 judicial office acknowledge certain outstanding fines,  
300 fees, or penalties relating to ethics or campaign  
301 finance violations; amending s. 106.03, F.S.;  
302 requiring the division to adopt specified rules;  
303 amending s. 106.07, F.S.; revising reporting intervals  
304 for candidates and political committees from monthly  
305 to quarterly; preempting local governments from  
306 establishing reporting schedules that differ from  
307 certain requirements; conforming a cross-reference;  
308 amending s. 106.0702, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
309 reference; amending s. 106.0703, F.S.; revising  
310 reporting intervals for electioneering communications  
311 organizations from monthly to quarterly; conforming a  
312 cross-reference; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; adding text  
313 messages to the items that do not constitute  
314 contributions to be counted toward certain  
315 contribution limits; creating s. 106.1436, F.S.;  
316 defining the term "voter guide"; prohibiting a person  
317 from representing that a voter guide is an official  
318 publication of a political party; providing an  
319 exception; providing disclosure requirements for such

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320 voter guides; providing criminal penalties and fines;  
321 amending s. 106.265, F.S.; increasing the maximum  
322 civil fines that may be imposed for specified  
323 violations; providing that fines assessed against a  
324 political committee also attach jointly and severally  
325 to the chair of the political committee under  
326 specified conditions; amending s. 322.142, F.S.;

327 authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
328 Vehicles to provide certain reproductions to a  
329 supervisor of elections; providing effective dates.

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331 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

335 97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.—The  
336 Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state,  
337 and it is his or her responsibility to:

338 (17) Provide mandatory formal signature matching training  
339 to supervisors of elections and county canvassing board members.  
340 Any person whose duties require verification of signatures must  
341 undergo signature matching training. The department shall adopt  
342 rules governing signature matching procedures and training.

343 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section  
344 97.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

345 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

346 (3) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
347 must also contain:

348 (g) A statement informing the applicant that if the

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349 application is being collected by a third-party voter  
350 registration organization, the organization might not deliver  
351 the application to the division or the supervisor in the county  
352 in which the applicant resides in less than 10 ~~14~~ days or before  
353 registration closes for the next ensuing election, and that the  
354 applicant may instead elect to deliver the application in person  
355 or by mail or choose to register online. The statement must  
356 further inform the applicant how to determine whether the  
357 application has been delivered.

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

360 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
361 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

362 (13) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
363 must assist the Department of State in regularly identifying  
364 changes in residence address on the driver license or  
365 identification card of a voter. The Department of State must  
366 report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of  
367 elections who must change the voter's registration records in  
368 accordance with s. 98.065(4) ~~s. 98.065(5)~~.

369 Section 4. Section 97.0575, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
370 read:

371 97.0575 Third-party voter registration organizations  
372 ~~registrations~~.—

373 (1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a  
374 third-party voter registration organization must register and  
375 provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following  
376 information:

377 (a) The names of the officers of the organization and the

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378 name and permanent address of the organization.

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

381 (c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary  
382 addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering  
383 persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization.  
384 This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit  
385 applications and do not collect or handle voter registration  
386 applications.

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

390 (e) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling  
391 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party  
392 voter registration organization has not been convicted of a  
393 felony violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an  
394 offense specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in  
395 s. 98.0751(2) (b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in  
396 chapter 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837. A third-party voter  
397 registration organization is liable for a fine in the amount of  
398 \$50,000 for each such person who has been convicted of a felony  
399 violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an offense  
400 specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in s.  
401 98.0751(2) (b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in chapter  
402 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837 who is collecting or handling  
403 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party  
404 voter registration organization.

405 (f) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling  
406 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party

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407 voter registration organization is a citizen of the United  
408 States of America. A third-party voter registration organization  
409 is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each such  
410 person who is not a citizen and is collecting or handling voter  
411 registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter  
412 registration organization.

413 (2) Beginning November 6, 2024, the registration of a  
414 third-party voter registration organization automatically  
415 expires at the conclusion of the specific general election cycle  
416 for which the third-party voter registration organization is  
417 registered.

418 (3)~~(2)~~ The division or the supervisor of elections shall  
419 make voter registration forms available to third-party voter  
420 registration organizations. All such forms must contain  
421 information identifying the organization to which the forms are  
422 provided. The division shall maintain a database of all third-  
423 party voter registration organizations and the voter  
424 registration forms assigned to the third-party voter  
425 registration organization. Each supervisor of elections shall  
426 provide to the division information on voter registration forms  
427 assigned to and received from third-party voter registration  
428 organizations. The information must be provided in a format and  
429 at times as required by the division by rule. The division shall  
430 ~~must~~ update information on third-party voter registrations daily  
431 and make the information publicly available.

432 (4) A third-party voter registration organization that  
433 collects voter registration applications shall provide a receipt  
434 to an applicant upon accepting possession of his or her  
435 application. The division shall adopt by rule a uniform format

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436 for the receipt by October 1, 2023. The format must include, but  
437 need not be limited to, the name of the applicant, the date the  
438 application is received, the name of the third-party voter  
439 registration organization, the name of the registration agent,  
440 the applicant's political party affiliation, and the county in  
441 which the applicant resides.

442 (5) (a) (3) (a) A third-party voter registration organization  
443 that collects voter registration applications serves as a  
444 fiduciary to the applicant and shall ensure,~~ensuring~~ that any  
445 voter registration application entrusted to the organization,  
446 irrespective of party affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender,  
447 is ~~must be~~ promptly delivered to the division or the supervisor  
448 of elections in the county in which the applicant resides within  
449 10 ~~14~~ days after the application is ~~was~~ completed by the  
450 applicant, but not after registration closes for the next  
451 ensuing election. If a voter registration application collected  
452 by any third-party voter registration organization is not  
453 promptly delivered to the division or supervisor of elections in  
454 the county in which the applicant resides, the third-party voter  
455 registration organization is liable for the following fines:

456 1. A fine in the amount of \$50 per each day late, up to  
457 \$2,500, for each application received by the division or the  
458 supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant  
459 resides more than 10 ~~14~~ days after the applicant delivered the  
460 completed voter registration application to the third-party  
461 voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent  
462 acting on its behalf. A fine in the amount of \$2,500 ~~\$250~~ for  
463 each application received if the third-party voter registration  
464 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf



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465 acted willfully.

466 2. A fine in the amount of \$100 per each day late, up to  
467 \$5,000, for each application collected by a third-party voter  
468 registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting  
469 on its behalf, before book closing for any given election for  
470 federal or state office and received by the division or the  
471 supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant  
472 resides after the book-closing deadline for such election. A  
473 fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$500~~ for each application received  
474 if the third-party voter registration organization or any  
475 person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

476 3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application  
477 collected by a third-party voter registration organization or  
478 any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not  
479 submitted to the division or supervisor of elections in the  
480 county in which the applicant resides. A fine in the amount of  
481 \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~ for any application not submitted if the third-  
482 party voter registration organization or person, entity, or  
483 agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

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

489 (b) A showing by the third-party voter registration  
490 organization that the failure to deliver the voter registration  
491 application within the required timeframe is based upon force  
492 majeure or impossibility of performance shall be an affirmative  
493 defense to a violation of this subsection. The secretary may

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494 waive the fines described in this subsection upon a showing that  
495 the failure to deliver the voter registration application  
496 promptly is based upon force majeure or impossibility of  
497 performance.

498 (6)~~(4)~~ If a person collecting voter registration  
499 applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration  
500 organization alters the voter registration application of any  
501 other person, without the other person's knowledge and consent,  
502 in violation of s. 104.012(4) and is subsequently convicted of  
503 such offense, the applicable third-party voter registration  
504 organization is liable for a fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~  
505 for each application altered.

506 (7) If a person collecting voter registration applications  
507 on behalf of a third-party voter registration organization  
508 copies a voter's application or retains a voter's personal  
509 information, such as the voter's Florida driver license number,  
510 Florida identification card number, social security number, or  
511 signature, for any reason other than to provide such application  
512 or information to the third-party voter registration  
513 organization in compliance with this section, the person commits  
514 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
515 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

516 (8)~~(5)~~ If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a  
517 person has committed a violation of this section, the secretary  
518 may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement.  
519 The Attorney General may institute a civil action for a  
520 violation of this section or to prevent a violation of this  
521 section. An action for relief may include a permanent or  
522 temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other

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523 appropriate order.

524 (9)~~(6)~~ The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit  
525 specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from  
526 a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third-  
527 party voter registration organization but who does not appear as  
528 an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division  
529 shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the  
530 registration process, including controls to ensure that all  
531 completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or a  
532 supervisor in the county in which the applicant resides.

533 (10)~~(7)~~ The date on which an applicant signs a voter  
534 registration application is presumed to be the date on which the  
535 third-party voter registration organization received or  
536 collected the voter registration application.

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

543 (12)~~(8)~~ The requirements of this section are retroactive  
544 for any third-party voter registration organization registered  
545 with the department as of July 1, 2023 ~~on the effective date of~~  
546 ~~this act~~, and must be complied with within 90 days after the  
547 department provides notice to the third-party voter registration  
548 organization of the requirements contained in this section.  
549 Failure of the third-party voter registration organization to  
550 comply with the requirements within 90 days after receipt of the  
551 notice shall automatically result in the cancellation of the

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552 third-party voter registration organization's registration.

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

555 97.071 Voter information card.—

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

559 (a) Voter's registration number.

560 (b) Date of registration.

561 (c) Full name.

562 (d) Party affiliation.

563 (e) Date of birth.

564 (f) Address of legal residence.

565 (g) Precinct number.

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

568 (i) Name of supervisor and contact information of  
569 supervisor.

570 (j) The following statement: "This card is for information  
571 purposes only. This card is proof of registration but is not  
572 legal verification of eligibility to vote. It is the  
573 responsibility of a voter to keep his or her eligibility status  
574 current. A voter may confirm his or her eligibility to vote with  
575 the Department of State."

576 (k) ~~(j)~~ Other information deemed necessary by the  
577 supervisor.

578 (3) In the case of a change of name, address of legal  
579 residence, polling place address, or party affiliation, the  
580 supervisor shall issue the voter a new voter information card. A

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581 temporary change made to a polling location pursuant to ss.  
582 101.71 and 101.74 does not require the issuance of a new voter  
583 information card.

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

587 Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), and (4), paragraph (c) of  
588 subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
589 98.065, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (6)  
590 is added to that section, to read:

591 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

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

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

598 Additionally, in odd-numbered years, unless the supervisor is  
599 conducting the procedure specified in paragraph (b), the  
600 supervisor must identify change-of-address information from  
601 address confirmation final notices ~~returned nonforwardable~~  
602 ~~return-if-undeliverable address confirmation requests~~ mailed to  
603 all registered voters who have not voted in the preceding two  
604 general elections or any intervening election and who have not  
605 made a request that their registration records be updated during  
606 that time; or

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

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610 ~~(3) Address confirmation requests sent pursuant to~~  
611 ~~paragraph (2) (a) and mail sent pursuant to paragraph (b) must be~~  
612 ~~addressed to the voter's address of legal residence, not~~  
613 ~~including voters temporarily residing outside the county and~~  
614 ~~registered in the precinct designated by the supervisor pursuant~~  
615 ~~to s. 101.045(1). If a request is returned as undeliverable, any~~  
616 ~~other notification sent to the voter pursuant to subsection (5)~~  
617 ~~or s. 98.0655 must be addressed to the voter's mailing address~~  
618 ~~on file, if any.~~

619 (3)(4) A registration list maintenance program must be  
620 conducted by each supervisor, at a minimum, once each year,  
621 beginning no later than April 1, and must be completed at least  
622 ~~not later than~~ 90 days before the date of any federal election.  
623 All list maintenance actions associated with each voter must be  
624 entered, tracked, recorded, and maintained in the statewide  
625 voter registration system.

626 (4)(5)

627 (c) If an address confirmation request required by  
628 paragraph (2) (b) ~~(2) (a)~~ is returned as undeliverable without  
629 indication of an address change, ~~or there is no response from~~  
630 ~~the voter within 30 days~~, or if any other nonforwardable return-  
631 if-undeliverable mail is returned as undeliverable with no  
632 indication of an address change, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ send  
633 an address confirmation final notice to ~~all addresses on file~~  
634 ~~for~~ the voter.

635 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual  
636 review of voter registration records to identify registration  
637 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may  
638 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those

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639 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has  
640 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the  
641 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant  
642 to s. 98.075(6) and (7).

643 (7) (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year,  
644 the supervisor must certify to the department the address list  
645 maintenance activities conducted during the first 6 months and  
646 the second 6 months of the year, respectively, including the  
647 number of address confirmation requests sent, the number of  
648 voters designated as inactive, and the number of voters removed  
649 from the statewide voter registration system.

650 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
651 98.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

652 98.0655 Registration list maintenance forms.—The department  
653 shall prescribe registration list maintenance forms to be used  
654 by the supervisors which must include:

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

656 ~~(c) If the address confirmation request is required by s.~~  
657 ~~98.065(2) (a), a statement that if the voter has not changed his~~  
658 ~~or her legal residence or has changed his or her legal residence~~  
659 ~~within the state, the voter should return the form within 30~~  
660 ~~days after the date on which the notice was sent to the voter;~~  
661 and

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

665 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;  
666 ineligibility determinations.—

667 (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.—

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668 (c) Information received by the department from another  
669 state or the District of Columbia upon the department becoming a  
670 member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph  
671 (b)1., which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of  
672 that state or the District of Columbia, is exempt from s.  
673 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The  
674 department shall provide such information to the supervisors to  
675 conduct registration list maintenance activities. ~~This paragraph~~  
676 ~~is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in~~  
677 ~~accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,~~  
678 ~~2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment~~  
679 ~~by the Legislature.~~

680 (3) DECEASED PERSONS.—

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

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

684 b. The United States Social Security Administration,  
685 including, but not limited to, any master death file or index  
686 compiled by the United States Social Security Administration;  
687 and

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

689 2. Within 7 days after receipt of such information through  
690 the statewide voter registration system, the supervisor shall  
691 remove the name of the registered voter.

692 (b) The supervisor shall remove the name of a deceased  
693 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
694 within 7 days after ~~upon~~ receipt of a copy of a death  
695 certificate issued by a governmental agency authorized to issue  
696 death certificates.



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697 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department shall  
698 identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated  
699 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not  
700 had their voting rights restored by comparing information  
701 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.  
702 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an  
703 initial determination as to whether the information is credible  
704 and reliable. If the department determines that the information  
705 is credible and reliable, the department must ~~shall~~ notify the  
706 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation  
707 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be  
708 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has  
709 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the  
710 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
711 subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the removal of a registered voter  
712 from the statewide voter registration system.

713 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

714 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters  
715 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have  
716 not been restored by comparing information received from, but  
717 not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of  
718 Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the  
719 Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's  
720 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review  
721 such information and make an initial determination as to whether  
722 the information is credible and reliable. If the department  
723 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the  
724 department must ~~shall~~ notify the supervisor and provide a copy  
725 of the supporting documentation indicating the potential

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726 ineligibility of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the  
727 notice that the department has made a determination of initial  
728 credibility and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the  
729 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the  
730 removal of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter  
731 registration system.

732 (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective  
733 clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093  
734 to identify registered voters within their respective  
735 jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the  
736 preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.  
737 The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
738 subsection (7) before the removal of a registered voter's name  
739 from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes of  
740 this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (7) begin  
741 upon his or her determination that the information received from  
742 the clerk is credible and reliable.

743 (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—Subsections (2)-(5) do  
744 not limit or restrict the department or the supervisor in his or  
745 her duty to act upon direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge  
746 of information from any governmental entity that identifies a  
747 registered voter as potentially ineligible. If the department or  
748 supervisor receives information from any governmental entity  
749 ~~sources~~ other than those identified in subsections (2)-(5) that  
750 a registered voter is ineligible because the voter he or she is  
751 deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his  
752 or her voting rights restored, adjudicated mentally  
753 incapacitated without having had his or her voting rights  
754 restored, does not meet the age requirement pursuant to s.

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755 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a fictitious person,  
756 or has listed an address ~~a residence~~ that is not his or her  
757 address of legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to the  
758 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the  
759 removal of the name of a registered voter who is determined to  
760 be ineligible ~~a registered voter's name~~ from the statewide voter  
761 registration system.

762 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

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

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

769 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's  
770 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon  
771 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation  
772 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined  
773 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as  
774 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

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

779 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to  
780 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the  
781 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by  
782 the supervisor.

783 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy

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784 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
785 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
786 determining eligibility.

787 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the  
788 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is  
789 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

790 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights  
791 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and  
792 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.  
793 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony  
794 conviction, if applicable.

795 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
796 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
797 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
798 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
799 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
800 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
801 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
802 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
803 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

804 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the  
805 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned  
806 notice, either publish ~~shall publish~~ notice once in a newspaper  
807 of general circulation in the county in which the voter was last  
808 registered or publish notice on the county's website as provided  
809 in s. 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed  
810 appropriate by the supervisor. The notice must ~~shall~~ contain the  
811 following:

812 a. The voter's name and address.

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813           b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to  
814 be registered to vote.

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

819           d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor  
820 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to  
821 receive information regarding the basis for the potential  
822 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

823           e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance  
824 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections  
825 of the county in which the voter is registered.

826           f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of  
827 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
828 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
829 determining eligibility.

830           g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
831 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
832 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
833 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
834 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
835 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
836 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
837 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
838 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

839           3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice  
840 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor  
841 must ~~shall~~ make a final determination of the voter's eligibility

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842 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to  
843 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is  
844 ineligible, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ remove the name of the  
845 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
846 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter  
847 of the supervisor's determination and action.

848 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to  
849 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of  
850 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
851 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, ~~shall~~ make a final  
852 determination of ineligibility and ~~shall~~ remove the voter's name  
853 from the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor  
854 shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's  
855 determination and action.

856 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued  
857 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the  
858 accuracy of the information underlying the potential  
859 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor  
860 must ~~shall~~ review the evidence and make a ~~final~~ determination of  
861 eligibility no later than 30 days after receiving the response  
862 from the voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered  
863 voter is ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name  
864 from the statewide voter registration system upon such  
865 determination and notify the registered voter of the  
866 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter  
867 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant  
868 to s. 98.0755. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the  
869 supervisor must ~~shall~~ send notice to the registered voter to  
870 attend a hearing at a time and place specified in the notice.

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871 The supervisor shall schedule and issue notice for the hearing  
872 within 7 days after receiving the voter's request for a hearing  
873 and shall hold the hearing no later than 30 days after issuing  
874 the notice of the hearing. A voter may request an extension upon  
875 showing good cause by submitting an affidavit to the supervisor  
876 as to why he or she is unable to attend the scheduled hearing.  
877 Upon hearing all evidence presented at the hearing, the  
878 supervisor shall make a determination of eligibility within 7  
879 days. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is  
880 ineligible, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ remove the voter's name  
881 from the statewide voter registration system and notify the  
882 registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action  
883 and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a determination  
884 of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755.

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

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

888 2. All proceedings are exempt from ~~the provisions of~~  
889 chapter 120.

890 3. Any notice must ~~shall~~ be sent to the registered voter by  
891 certified mail, return receipt requested, or other means that  
892 provides a verification of receipt or must ~~shall~~ be published in  
893 a newspaper of general circulation where the voter was last  
894 registered, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311,  
895 or on the supervisor's website, whichever is applicable.

896 4. The supervisor shall remove the name of any registered  
897 voter from the statewide voter registration system only after  
898 the supervisor makes a final determination that the voter is  
899 ineligible to vote.

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900 5. Any voter whose name has been removed from the statewide  
901 voter registration system pursuant to a determination of  
902 ineligibility may appeal that determination under ~~the provisions~~  
903 ~~of~~ s. 98.0755.

904 6. Any voter whose name was removed from the statewide  
905 voter registration system on the basis of a determination of  
906 ineligibility who subsequently becomes eligible to vote must  
907 reregister in order to have his or her name restored to the  
908 statewide voter registration system.

909 (8) CERTIFICATION.—

910 (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the  
911 supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor  
912 has the activities conducted the activities required pursuant to  
913 this section during the first 6 months and the second 6 months  
914 of the year, respectively. The certification must ~~shall~~ include  
915 the number of persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to  
916 subsection (7), the number of persons who responded to the  
917 notices, the number of notices returned as undeliverable, the  
918 number of notices published in the newspaper, on the county's  
919 website, or on the supervisor's website, the number of hearings  
920 conducted, and the number of persons removed from the statewide  
921 voter registration system ~~systems~~ and the reasons for such  
922 removals.

923 (b) If, based on the certification provided pursuant to  
924 paragraph (a), the department determines that a supervisor has  
925 not satisfied the requirements of this section, the department  
926 shall satisfy the appropriate requirements for that county.  
927 Failure to satisfy the requirements of this section constitutes  
928 ~~shall constitute~~ a violation of s. 104.051.



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929 Section 10. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section  
930 98.077, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

931 98.077 Update of voter signature.—

932 (2) The ~~department~~ and supervisors of elections shall  
933 include in any correspondence, other than postcard notifications  
934 and notices relating to eligibility, sent to a registered voter  
935 information regarding when, where, and how to update the voter's  
936 signature and shall provide the voter information on how to  
937 obtain a voter registration application from a voter  
938 registration official which can be returned to update the  
939 signature.

940 (3) At least once during each general election year before  
941 the presidential preference primary or the primary election,  
942 whichever occurs first, the supervisor shall publish in a  
943 newspaper of general circulation or other newspaper in the  
944 county, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on  
945 the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the  
946 supervisor, a notice specifying when, where, or how a voter can  
947 update his or her signature that is on file and how a voter can  
948 obtain a voter registration application from a voter  
949 registration official.

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

951 (a) All signature updates for use in verifying vote-by-mail  
952 voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter certificates,  
953 or petitions ballots must be received by the appropriate  
954 supervisor before the voter's elector's ballot is received by  
955 the supervisor or, in the case of provisional ballots, before  
956 the voter's elector's ballot is cast or, in the case of a  
957 petition, before the petition is submitted for signature

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958 verification.

959 (b) The signature on file at the time the vote-by-mail  
960 ballot is received, ~~or~~ at the time the provisional ballot is  
961 cast, or at the time a petition is reviewed is the signature  
962 that must ~~shall~~ be used in verifying the signature on the vote-  
963 by-mail voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter  
964 certificates, or petitions, respectively. For signatures  
965 requiring secondary or tertiary review, older signatures from  
966 previous registration updates may be used.

967 Section 11. Section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
968 read:

969 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to  
970 deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,  
971 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United  
972 States citizens.—

973 (1) DUTIES.—In order to identify ineligible registered  
974 voters and maintain accurate and current voter registration  
975 records in the statewide voter registration system pursuant to  
976 procedures in s. 98.065 or s. 98.075, it is necessary for the  
977 department and supervisors of elections to receive or access  
978 certain information from state and federal officials and  
979 entities in the format prescribed.

980 ~~(2)~~ To the maximum extent feasible, state and local  
981 government agencies shall facilitate provision of information  
982 and access to data to the department, including, but not limited  
983 to, databases that contain reliable criminal records and records  
984 of deceased persons. State and local government agencies that  
985 provide such data must ~~shall~~ do so without charge if the direct  
986 cost incurred by those agencies is not significant.

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

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

996        (a) ~~1.~~ Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons who  
997 have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to  
998 voting during the preceding week and ~~calendar month, a list of~~  
999 those persons whose mental capacity with respect to voting has  
1000 been restored during the preceding week. The information must  
1001 include each person's name; address; date of birth; race; sex;  
1002 and, if available, his or her Florida driver license number or  
1003 Florida identification card number or the last four digits of  
1004 his or her social security number. The clerk shall provide the  
1005 information to the department to assist a supervisor in  
1006 identifying registered voters in his or her county who are  
1007 adjudicated mentally incapacitated outside of his or her county  
1008 pursuant to s. 98.075(4).

1009        (b) Information identifying ~~calendar month, and a list of~~  
1010 those persons who have responded to ~~returned signed~~ jury notices  
1011 during the preceding week from ~~months to~~ the clerk of the  
1012 circuit court and whose response indicated ~~indicating~~ a change  
1013 of address. The information must ~~Each list shall~~ include each  
1014 person's ~~the~~ name; ~~i~~ address; ~~i~~ date of birth; ~~i~~ race; ~~i~~ sex; ~~i~~ and,  
1015 if ~~whichever is~~ available, the Florida driver license number or

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1016 Florida identification card number~~7~~ or the last four digits of  
 1017 his or her social security number ~~of each such person.~~

1018 ~~(c)2.~~ Information on the terms of sentence for felony  
 1019 convictions, including any financial obligations for court  
 1020 costs, fees, and fines, of all persons listed in the clerk's  
 1021 records whose last known address in the clerk's records is  
 1022 within this state and who have been convicted of a felony during  
 1023 the preceding week ~~month~~. The information may be provided to the  
 1024 supervisor directly by the clerk ~~individual clerks~~ of the  
 1025 circuit court or may be provided on the clerk's ~~their~~ behalf  
 1026 through the Comprehensive Case Information System. The clerk  
 1027 shall provide the information to the department to assist a  
 1028 supervisor in identifying registered voters in his or her county  
 1029 who are adjudicated of a felony outside of his or her county.

1030 For each felony conviction reported, the information must  
 1031 include:

1032 ~~1.a.~~ The full name;~~7~~ last known address;~~7~~ date of birth;~~7~~  
 1033 race;~~7~~ sex;~~7~~ and, if available, the Florida driver license  
 1034 number or Florida identification card number, as applicable;~~7~~  
 1035 and the last four digits of the social security number of the  
 1036 person convicted.

1037 ~~2.b.~~ The amounts of all financial obligations, including  
 1038 restitution and court costs, fees, and fines, and, if known, the  
 1039 amount of financial obligations not yet satisfied.

1040 ~~3.c.~~ The county in which the conviction occurred.

1041 ~~4.d.~~ The statute number violated, statute table text, date  
 1042 of conviction, and case number.

1043 ~~(4)(e)~~ UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.—Upon receipt of information  
 1044 from the United States Attorney~~7~~ listing persons convicted of a

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1045 felony in federal court, the department shall use such  
1046 information to identify registered voters or applicants for  
1047 voter registration who may be potentially ineligible based on  
1048 information provided in accordance with s. 98.075.

1049 (5)-(d) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The Department of Law  
1050 Enforcement shall identify and report to the department at least  
1051 weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony during  
1052 the preceding week who appear in the voter registration records  
1053 supplied by the statewide voter registration system, ~~in a time~~  
1054 ~~and manner that enables the department to meet its obligations~~  
1055 ~~under state and federal law.~~

1056 (6)-(e) FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW.—The Florida  
1057 Commission on Offender Review shall furnish at least weekly  
1058 ~~bimonthly~~ to the department data, including the identity of  
1059 those persons granted clemency in the preceding month or any  
1060 updates to prior records which have occurred in the preceding  
1061 month. The data must ~~shall~~ contain the commission's case number  
1062 and the person's name, address, date of birth, race, gender,  
1063 Florida driver license number, Florida identification card  
1064 number, or the last four digits of the social security number,  
1065 if available, and references to record identifiers assigned by  
1066 the Department of Corrections and the Department of Law  
1067 Enforcement, a unique identifier of each clemency case, and the  
1068 effective date of clemency of each person.

1069 (7)-(f) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.—The Department of  
1070 Corrections shall identify and report to the department at least  
1071 weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony and  
1072 committed to its custody or placed on community supervision  
1073 during the preceding week. ~~The information must be provided to~~

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1074 ~~the department at a time and in a manner that enables the~~  
1075 ~~department to identify registered voters who are convicted~~  
1076 ~~felons and to meet its obligations under state and federal law.~~

1077 (8)-(g) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The  
1078 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish  
1079 weekly ~~monthly~~ to the department the following information:

1080 (a)1. Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons whose  
1081 names have been removed from the Florida driver license or  
1082 Florida identification card database during the preceding week  
1083 because they have been licensed or been issued an identification  
1084 card in another state. The information list must contain the  
1085 person's name, last known Florida address, date of birth, sex,  
1086 last four digits of his or her social security number, and  
1087 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card  
1088 number and, if available, the address and the state in which the  
1089 person is now licensed ~~of each such person.~~

1090 (b)2. Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons who  
1091 during the preceding week presented evidence of non-United  
1092 States citizenship upon being issued a new or renewed Florida  
1093 driver license or Florida identification card. The information  
1094 list must contain the person's name; address; date of birth;  
1095 last four digits of the; social security number, if applicable;  
1096 ~~and~~ Florida driver license number or Florida identification card  
1097 number, as available applicable; and alien registration number  
1098 or other legal status identifier, ~~of each such person.~~

1099 (c) Information identifying those persons for which it has  
1100 received official information during the preceding week that the  
1101 person is deceased. The information must contain the name,  
1102 address, date of birth, last four digits of the social security

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1103 number, Florida driver license number or Florida identification  
1104 card number, and date of death of each such person.

1105 (9)(3) CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or  
1106 restrict the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct  
1107 receipt of, access to, or knowledge of official information from  
1108 these and other governmental entities that identify a registered  
1109 voter as potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of  
1110 remove the name of the registered voter who is determined to be  
1111 ineligible names of persons from the statewide voter  
1112 registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(7) based upon  
1113 information received from other sources.

1114 Section 12. Section 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1115 to read:

1116 98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter  
1117 registration system information; precinct-level election  
1118 results; book closing statistics; live turnout data.—

1119 (1) VOTING HISTORY AND STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM  
1120 INFORMATION.—Each supervisor shall submit the reports required  
1121 by this subsection to the department no later than 10 business  
1122 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the  
1123 results of an election.

1124 (a) Reconciliation.—For each presidential preference  
1125 primary election, special primary election, special election,  
1126 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall  
1127 reconcile the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct  
1128 to the aggregate number of voters with voter history pursuant to  
1129 paragraph (b) and the precinct-level election results pursuant  
1130 to subsection (3) and submit a reconciliation report. The report  
1131 must be submitted to the department in an electronic format

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1132 pursuant to file format and specifications set forth by rule.  
1133 The report must include a written explanation if the  
1134 reconciliation results in a discrepancy between the voter  
1135 history and the election results.

1136 (b) Voting history.—For each ~~Within 30 days after~~  
1137 ~~certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of a~~  
1138 presidential preference primary, special election, special  
1139 primary election, primary election, or general election, as  
1140 applicable, supervisors of elections shall transmit completely  
1141 updated voting history information for each qualified voter to  
1142 the department. Such information must be provided, ~~in a uniform~~  
1143 electronic format pursuant to file specifications adopted by the  
1144 department by rule. The voting history information must include:  
1145 ~~specified in paragraph (d), completely updated voting history~~  
1146 ~~information for each qualified voter who voted~~

1147 1. The unique identifier assigned to each qualified voter  
1148 within the statewide voter registration system.

1149 2. Each qualified voter's unique precinct identifier, as  
1150 designated by the county within the statewide voter registration  
1151 system, at the time of voting. For purposes of this  
1152 subparagraph, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an  
1153 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and  
1154 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by  
1155 rule.

1156 3. Specifics as to each qualified voter's voting history,  
1157 including whether the qualified voter voted a regular ballot  
1158 during the early voting period, voted during the early voting  
1159 period using a provisional ballot that was subsequently counted,  
1160 voted a regular ballot at a precinct location, voted at a



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1161 precinct location using a provisional ballot that was  
1162 subsequently counted, voted by vote-by-mail ballot, attempted to  
1163 vote by a timely received vote-by-mail ballot that was not  
1164 counted, attempted to vote by a vote-by-mail ballot that was  
1165 received untimely, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that  
1166 was not counted, or did not vote.

1167 (c) Precinct boundaries.—For each presidential preference  
1168 primary election, special primary election, special election,  
1169 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall  
1170 submit to the department the geographical information system map  
1171 of precinct boundaries created and maintained pursuant to s.  
1172 101.001 for the applicable election.

1173 (2) ~~(b)~~ LEGISLATIVE REPORT.—

1174 (a) Specifications.—After receipt of the information in  
1175 paragraph (a), The department shall prepare an election summary  
1176 compiled for a presidential preference primary election, special  
1177 primary election, special election, primary election, or general  
1178 election, as applicable, a report in an electronic format which  
1179 contains the following information, separately compiled for the  
1180 primary and general election for all voters qualified to vote in  
1181 either election:

1182 1. The voting history information as transmitted under  
1183 paragraph (1) (b) and the precinct boundaries as transmitted  
1184 under paragraph (1) (c). ~~unique identifier assigned to each~~  
1185 qualified voter within the statewide voter registration system;

1186 2. All information provided by each qualified voter on his  
1187 or her voter registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2),  
1188 except that which is confidential or exempt from public records  
1189 requirements. †

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1190 3. Each qualified voter's date of registration.7

1191 4. Each qualified voter's ~~current~~ state representative  
1192 district, state senatorial district, ~~and~~ congressional district,  
1193 county commission district, and school board district at the  
1194 time of voting, assigned by the supervisor of elections;~~7~~

1195 ~~5. Each qualified voter's current precinct; and~~

1196 ~~6. Voting history as transmitted under paragraph (a) to~~  
1197 ~~include whether the qualified voter voted at a precinct~~  
1198 ~~location, voted during the early voting period, voted by vote-~~  
1199 ~~by-mail ballot, attempted to vote by vote-by-mail ballot that~~  
1200 ~~was not counted, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that~~  
1201 ~~was not counted, or did not vote.~~

1202 ~~(b)(c)~~ Submission.—Within 60 ~~45~~ days after certification by  
1203 the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies ~~of~~ a presidential  
1204 preference primary, special election, primary election, or  
1205 general election, the department shall submit ~~send~~ to the  
1206 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
1207 Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House  
1208 Minority Leader an election summary ~~a~~ report in electronic  
1209 format that includes all information set forth in paragraph (a)  
1210 ~~(b)~~.

1211 ~~(d) File specifications are as follows:~~

1212 ~~1. The file shall contain records designated by the~~  
1213 ~~categories below for all qualified voters who, regardless of the~~  
1214 ~~voter's county of residence or active or inactive registration~~  
1215 ~~status at the book closing for the corresponding election that~~  
1216 ~~the file is being created for:~~

1217 ~~a. Voted a regular ballot at a precinct location.~~

1218 ~~b. Voted at a precinct location using a provisional ballot~~

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1219 ~~that was subsequently counted.~~

1220 ~~e. Voted a regular ballot during the early voting period.~~

1221 ~~d. Voted during the early voting period using a provisional~~

1222 ~~ballot that was subsequently counted.~~

1223 ~~e. Voted by vote by mail ballot.~~

1224 ~~f. Attempted to vote by vote by mail ballot, but the ballot~~

1225 ~~was not counted.~~

1226 ~~g. Attempted to vote by provisional ballot, but the ballot~~

1227 ~~was not counted in that election.~~

1228 ~~2. Each file shall be created or converted into a tab-~~

1229 ~~delimited format.~~

1230 ~~3. File names shall adhere to the following convention:~~

1231 ~~a. Three-character county identifier as established by the~~

1232 ~~department followed by an underscore.~~

1233 ~~b. Followed by four character file type identifier of~~

1234 ~~"VH03" followed by an underscore.~~

1235 ~~e. Followed by FVRS election ID followed by an underscore.~~

1236 ~~d. Followed by Date Created followed by an underscore.~~

1237 ~~e. Date format is YYYYMMDD.~~

1238 ~~f. Followed by Time Created - HHMMSS.~~

1239 ~~g. Followed by ".txt".~~

1240 ~~4. Each record shall contain the following columns: Record~~

1241 ~~Identifier, FVRS Voter ID Number, FVRS Election ID Number, Vote~~

1242 ~~Date, Vote History Code, Precinct, Congressional District, House~~

1243 ~~District, Senate District, County Commission District, and~~

1244 ~~School Board District.~~

1245 ~~(e) Each supervisor of elections shall reconcile, before~~

1246 ~~submission, the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct~~

1247 ~~as reported in the precinct-level election results to the~~

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1248 ~~aggregate total number of voters with voter history for the~~  
1249 ~~election for each district.~~

1250 ~~(f) Each supervisor of elections shall submit the results~~  
1251 ~~of the data reconciliation as described in paragraph (e) to the~~  
1252 ~~department in an electronic format and give a written~~  
1253 ~~explanation for any precincts where the reconciliation as~~  
1254 ~~described in paragraph (e) results in a discrepancy between the~~  
1255 ~~voter history and the election results.~~

1256 ~~(3)(2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.-~~

1257 ~~(a)1. Within 10 business 30 days after certification by the~~  
1258 ~~Elections Canvassing Commission certifies of a presidential~~  
1259 ~~preference primary election, special election, special primary~~  
1260 ~~election, primary election, or general election, as applicable,~~  
1261 ~~the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit to the~~  
1262 ~~department precinct-level election results for the election in a~~  
1263 ~~uniform electronic format specified by paragraph (c). ~~The~~~~  
1264 ~~~~precinct-level election results shall be compiled separately for~~~~  
1265 ~~~~the primary or special primary election that preceded the~~~~  
1266 ~~~~general or special general election, respectively.~~ The results~~  
1267 ~~must shall specifically include for each precinct the total of~~  
1268 ~~all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill a~~  
1269 ~~national, state, county, or district office or proposed~~  
1270 ~~constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and~~  
1271 ~~ballot type. When one or more ballot types, also known as~~  
1272 ~~counting groups, in a race or an issue have fewer than 30 voters~~  
1273 ~~voting on the ballot, the ballot type must be reported as zero~~  
1274 ~~except for the total votes counting group for that precinct.~~  
1275 ~~Ballot types or counting groups include election day, early~~  
1276 ~~voting, vote-by-mail, provisional voting, and total votes~~

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1277 ~~However, ballot type or precinct subtotals in a race or question~~  
1278 ~~having fewer than 30 voters voting on the ballot type or in the~~  
1279 ~~precinct may not be reported in precinct results. For purposes~~  
1280 ~~of this paragraph, the term "all ballots cast" means ballots~~  
1281 ~~cast by voters who cast a ballot, whether at a precinct~~  
1282 ~~location; by vote-by-mail ballot, including overseas vote-by-~~  
1283 ~~mail ballots; during the early voting period; or by~~  
1284 ~~provisional ballot.~~

1285 2. Upon request from the department, a supervisor must  
1286 research and address, as appropriate, any questions or issues  
1287 identified by the department pertaining to the precinct-level  
1288 election results. If the information as originally submitted is  
1289 changed or corrected, the supervisor must provide an amended  
1290 precinct-level election results file no later than 10 business  
1291 days after the request from the department.

1292 (b) The department shall make such information available  
1293 online no later than 60 days after the Elections Canvassing  
1294 Commission certifies the presidential preference primary  
1295 election, special primary election, special election, primary  
1296 election, or general election, as applicable. The website  
1297 containing the information must include ~~on a searchable,~~  
1298 ~~sortable, and downloadable database via its website that also~~  
1299 ~~includes~~ the file layout and codes. The information must  
1300 ~~database shall~~ be searchable and sortable by county, precinct,  
1301 and candidate; The must database shall be downloadable in a  
1302 tab-delimited format; and must. The database shall be available  
1303 for download county-by-county and also as a statewide file. Such  
1304 ~~report shall also be made available upon request.~~

1305 (c) The files containing the precinct-level election

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1306 results must ~~shall~~ be created in accordance with the applicable  
1307 file specification as set forth by rule. The rule must, at a  
1308 minimum, provide that:

1309 ~~1. The precinct level results file shall be created or~~  
1310 ~~converted into a tab delimited text file.~~

1311 ~~2. The row immediately before the first data record shall~~  
1312 ~~contain the column names of the data elements that make up the~~  
1313 ~~data records. There shall be one header record followed by~~  
1314 ~~multiple data records.~~

1315 ~~3.~~ the data records ~~shall~~ include the following columns:  
1316 County Name, Election Number, Election Date, Unique Precinct  
1317 Identifier, Precinct Polling Location, Total Registered Voters,  
1318 Total Registered Republicans, Total Registered Democrats, Total  
1319 Registered All Other Parties, Contest Name,  
1320 Candidate/Retention/Issue Name, Candidate Florida Voter  
1321 Registration System ID Number, Division of Elections Unique  
1322 Candidate Identifying Number, Candidate Party, District,  
1323 Undervote Total, Overvote Total, Write-in Total, and Vote Total.  
1324 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "unique precinct  
1325 identifier" means an alphanumeric code representing the precinct  
1326 name or number and containing no more than the maximum  
1327 characters as specified by rule.

1328 ~~(4)(3)~~ PRECINCT-LEVEL BOOK CLOSING STATISTICS. No later  
1329 than 10 days after the date of book closing for ~~but before the~~  
1330 ~~date of~~ an election as defined in s. 97.021 to fill a national,  
1331 state, county, or district office, or to vote on a proposed  
1332 constitutional amendment, the department shall compile and make  
1333 available the following precinct-level statistical data for each  
1334 county:

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1335 (a) Unique precinct identifier numbers. For purposes of  
1336 this subsection, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an  
1337 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and  
1338 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by  
1339 rule.

1340 (b) Total number of active registered voters by party for  
1341 each precinct.

1342 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ LIVE TURNOUT DATA.—On election day, each supervisor  
1343 of elections shall make live voter turnout data, updated at  
1344 least once per hour, available on his or her website. Each  
1345 supervisor shall transmit the live voter turnout data to the  
1346 division, which must create and maintain a real-time statewide  
1347 turnout dashboard that is available for viewing by the public on  
1348 the division's website as the data becomes available.

1349 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—The department shall  
1350 also make publicly available the reports and results required in  
1351 subsections ~~(1)~~-(4) ~~(1)~~-(3).

1352 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules and  
1353 prescribe forms to carry out the purposes of this section.

1354 Section 13. Effective upon becoming a law, present  
1355 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 99.012, Florida  
1356 Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c), a new paragraph (b)  
1357 is added to that subsection, and paragraph (c) is added to  
1358 subsection (7) of that section, to read:

1359 99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public  
1360 office.—

1361 (1) As used in this section:

1362 (b) "Qualify" means to fulfill the requirements set forth  
1363 in s. 99.061(7)(a) or s. 105.031(5)(a).

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1364 (7) This section does not apply to:

1365 (c) Persons seeking the office of President or Vice  
1366 President of the United States.

1367 Section 14. The amendments made to s. 99.012, Florida  
1368 Statutes, by this act are intended to clarify existing law. Any  
1369 person seeking the office of President or Vice President of the  
1370 United States is not subject to the requirements of chapter 99,  
1371 Florida Statutes, which govern candidate qualifying,  
1372 specifically those which require the submission of certain  
1373 documents, full and public disclosures of financial interests,  
1374 petition signatures, or the payment of filing fees. This section  
1375 shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

1376 Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
1377 99.021, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), and  
1378 a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

1379 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

1380 (1)

1381 (d) In addition, each candidate, whether a party candidate,  
1382 a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate,  
1383 shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation,  
1384 state in writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines,  
1385 fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any  
1386 violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code  
1387 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of  
1388 chapter 112, any local ethics ordinance governing standards of  
1389 conduct and disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. If the  
1390 candidate owes any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties  
1391 exceeding the threshold amount specified in this paragraph, he  
1392 or she must also specify the amount owed and each entity that



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1393 levied such fine, fee, or penalty. For purposes of this  
1394 paragraph, any such fines, fees, or penalties that have been  
1395 paid in full at the time of subscribing to the oath or  
1396 affirmation are not deemed to be outstanding.

1397 Section 16. Section 99.0215, Florida Statutes, is created  
1398 to read:

1399 99.0215 Name of candidate.-

1400 (1) Each candidate shall designate in the oath or  
1401 affirmation specified in s. 99.021 the name that he or she  
1402 wishes to have printed on the ballot, or in the case of a write-  
1403 in candidate, the name that he or she wishes to have voters  
1404 write in on the ballot when voting for him or her. Such  
1405 designation must include the candidate's legal given name or  
1406 names, a shortened form of the candidate's legal given name or  
1407 names, an initial or initials of the candidate's legal given  
1408 name or names, or a bona fide nickname customarily related to  
1409 the candidate and by which the candidate is commonly known,  
1410 immediately followed by the candidate's legal surname. If  
1411 applicable, a candidate may place one of the following  
1412 designations after the legal surname: "Sr.," "Jr.," or a  
1413 numerical designation such as "II."

1414 (2) If a candidate wishes to designate a nickname, the  
1415 candidate must file an affidavit that must be verified under  
1416 oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a), attesting that  
1417 the nickname complies with the requirements of this section. The  
1418 affidavit must be filed simultaneously with the oath or  
1419 affirmation specified in s. 99.021. Any nickname designated by a  
1420 candidate may not be used to mislead voters. A candidate may not  
1421 designate a nickname that implies the candidate is some other

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1422 person, that constitutes a political slogan or otherwise  
1423 associates the candidate with a cause or an issue, or that is  
1424 obscene or profane. For purposes of this subsection, the term  
1425 "political slogan" means any word or words expressing or  
1426 connoting a position, an opinion, or a belief that the candidate  
1427 may espouse, including, but not limited to, any word or words  
1428 conveying any meaning other than that of the general identity of  
1429 the candidate.

1430 (3) Unless a candidate has the same name as, or a name  
1431 similar to, one or more candidates for the same office, an  
1432 educational or professional title or degree may not be added to  
1433 his or her name designation.

1434 Section 17. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 99.097,  
1435 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1436 99.097 Verification of signatures on petitions.-

1437 (4) (a) The supervisor must ~~shall~~ be paid in advance the sum  
1438 of 10 cents for each signature checked or the actual cost of  
1439 checking such signature, whichever is less, by the candidate or,  
1440 in the case of a petition to have a local ~~an~~ issue placed on the  
1441 ballot, by the person or organization submitting the petition.  
1442 In the case of a petition to place a statewide issue on the  
1443 ballot, the person or organization submitting the petition must  
1444 pay the supervisor in advance the cost posted by the supervisor  
1445 pursuant to s. 100.371(11) for the actual cost of checking  
1446 signatures to place a statewide issue on the ballot.

1447 (b) However, if a candidate, a person, or an organization  
1448 seeking to have an issue placed upon the ballot cannot pay such  
1449 charges without imposing an undue burden on personal resources  
1450 or upon the resources otherwise available to such candidate,

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1451 person, or organization, such candidate, person, or organization  
1452 ~~shall~~, upon written certification of such inability given under  
1453 oath to the supervisor, is ~~be~~ entitled to have the signatures  
1454 verified at no charge.

1455 (c) In the event a candidate, person, or organization  
1456 submitting a petition to have an issue placed upon the ballot is  
1457 entitled to have the signatures verified at no charge, the  
1458 supervisor of elections of each county in which the signatures  
1459 are verified at no charge shall submit the total number of such  
1460 signatures checked in the county to the Chief Financial Officer  
1461 no later than December 1 of the general election year, and the  
1462 Chief Financial Officer shall cause such supervisor of elections  
1463 to be reimbursed from the General Revenue Fund in an amount  
1464 equal to 10 cents or the actual cost for each name checked ~~or~~  
1465 ~~the actual cost of checking such signatures~~, whichever is  
1466 applicable as set forth in paragraph (a) less. In no event may  
1467 ~~shall~~ such reimbursement of costs be deemed or applied as extra  
1468 compensation for the supervisor.

1469 (d) Petitions must ~~shall~~ be retained by the supervisors for  
1470 a period of 1 year following the election for which the  
1471 petitions were circulated.

1472 (5) The results of a verification pursuant to subparagraph  
1473 (1)(a)2. may be contested in the circuit court by the candidate;  
1474 an announced opponent; a representative of a designated  
1475 political committee; or a person, party, or other organization  
1476 submitting the petition. The contestant must ~~shall~~ file a  
1477 complaint, together with the fees prescribed in chapter 28, with  
1478 the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the  
1479 petition is certified or in Leon County if the petition covers

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1480 more than one county within 10 days after midnight of the date  
1481 the petition is certified; and the complaint must ~~shall~~ set  
1482 forth the grounds on which the contestant intends to establish  
1483 his or her right to require a complete check of the petition  
1484 pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. In the event the court orders  
1485 a complete check of the petition and the result is not changed  
1486 as to the success or lack of success of the petitioner in  
1487 obtaining the requisite number of valid signatures, then such  
1488 candidate, unless the candidate has filed the oath stating that  
1489 he or she is unable to pay such charges; announced opponent;  
1490 representative of a designated political committee; or party,  
1491 person, or organization submitting the petition, unless such  
1492 person or organization has filed the oath stating inability to  
1493 pay such charges, shall pay to the supervisor of elections of  
1494 each affected county for the complete check an amount calculated  
1495 at the rate of 10 cents for each additional signature checked or  
1496 the actual cost of checking such additional signatures, as  
1497 applicable ~~whichever is less~~.

1498 Section 18. Section 100.021, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1499 to read:

1500 100.021 Notice of general election.—The Department of State  
1501 shall, in any year in which a general election is held, make out  
1502 a notice stating what offices and vacancies are to be filled at  
1503 the general election in the state, and in each county and  
1504 district thereof. During the 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the  
1505 beginning of qualifying, the department ~~of State~~ shall have the  
1506 notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation  
1507 in each county; and, in counties in which there is no newspaper  
1508 of general circulation, it shall send to the sheriff a notice of

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1509 the offices and vacancies to be filled at such general election  
1510 by the qualified voters of the sheriff's county or any district  
1511 thereof, and the sheriff shall have at least five copies of the  
1512 notice posted in conspicuous places in the county. Notice may be  
1513 provided alternatively by publishing notice on the division's  
1514 website, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or  
1515 on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the  
1516 supervisor.

1517 Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 100.141, Florida  
1518 Statutes, is amended to read:

1519 100.141 Notice of special election to fill any vacancy in  
1520 office.—

1521 (3) The department shall deliver a copy of such notice to  
1522 the supervisor of elections of each county in which the special  
1523 election is to be held. The supervisor shall have the notice  
1524 published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
1525 county at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~ the first day set for  
1526 qualifying for office or, for at least 10 days before the first  
1527 day set for qualifying for office, publish notice on the  
1528 county's website as provided in s. 50.0311 or on the  
1529 supervisor's website. ~~If such a newspaper is not published~~  
1530 ~~within the period set forth, the supervisor shall post at least~~  
1531 ~~five copies of the notice in conspicuous places in the county~~  
1532 ~~not less than 10 days prior to the first date set for~~  
1533 ~~qualifying.~~

1534 Section 20. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1535 to read:

1536 100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.—In any  
1537 special election or referendum not otherwise provided for, there

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1538 ~~must shall~~ be at least 30 days' notice of the election or  
1539 referendum by publication in a newspaper of general circulation  
1540 in the county, district, or municipality, or publication on the  
1541 county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, the municipality's  
1542 website, or the supervisor's website, as applicable ~~as the case~~  
1543 ~~may be~~. The publication must shall be made at least twice, once  
1544 in the fifth week and once in the third week before ~~prior to~~ the  
1545 week in which the election or referendum is to be held. If the  
1546 applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper  
1547 of general circulation in the county, district, or municipality,  
1548 the notice must shall be posted in no less than five places  
1549 within the territorial limits of the county, district, or  
1550 municipality.

1551 Section 21. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
1552 (4) of section 101.001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1553 101.001 Precincts and polling places; boundaries.—

1554 (3) (a) Each supervisor of elections shall maintain a  
1555 geographical information system ~~suitable map drawn to a scale no~~  
1556 ~~smaller than 3 miles to the inch and~~ clearly delineating all  
1557 major observable features such as roads, streams, and railway  
1558 lines and showing the current geographical boundaries of each  
1559 precinct, representative district, and senatorial district, and  
1560 other type of district in the county subject to the elections  
1561 process in this code. A supervisor may coordinate with other  
1562 governmental entities to comply with this subsection.

1563 ~~(b) The supervisor shall provide to the department data on~~  
1564 ~~all precincts in the county associated with the most recent~~  
1565 ~~decennial census blocks within each precinct.~~

1566 ~~(c) The department shall maintain a searchable database~~

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1567 ~~that contains the precincts and the corresponding most recent~~  
1568 ~~decennial census blocks within the precincts for each county,~~  
1569 ~~including a historical file that allows the census blocks to be~~  
1570 ~~traced through the prior decade.~~

1571 (b) ~~(d)~~ The supervisor of elections shall notify the  
1572 Secretary of State in writing within 10 days after any  
1573 reorganization of precincts and shall furnish a copy of the  
1574 geographical information system compatible map showing the  
1575 ~~current~~ geographical boundaries and designation of each new  
1576 precinct. ~~However, if precincts are composed of whole census~~  
1577 ~~blocks, the supervisor may furnish, in lieu of a copy of the~~  
1578 ~~map, a list, in an electronic format prescribed by the~~  
1579 ~~Department of State, associating each census block in the county~~  
1580 ~~with its precinct.~~

1581 (c) ~~(e)~~ Any precinct established or altered under ~~the~~  
1582 ~~provisions of this section~~ must ~~shall~~ consist of areas bounded  
1583 on all sides only by census block boundaries from the most  
1584 recent United States Census. If the census block boundaries  
1585 split or conflict with a municipal or other political  
1586 subdivision ~~another political boundary listed below~~, the  
1587 boundary listed below may be used as a precinct boundary:

1588 1. Governmental unit boundaries reported in the most recent  
1589 Boundary and Annexation Survey published by the United States  
1590 Census Bureau; or

1591 ~~2. Visible features that are readily distinguishable upon~~  
1592 ~~the ground, such as streets, railroads, tracks, streams, and~~  
1593 ~~lakes, and that are indicated upon current census maps, official~~  
1594 ~~Department of Transportation maps, official municipal maps,~~  
1595 ~~official county maps, or a combination of such maps;~~

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1596 ~~3. Boundaries of public parks, public school grounds, or~~  
1597 ~~churches; or~~

1598 2.4. Boundaries of counties, incorporated municipalities,  
1599 or other political subdivisions that meet criteria established  
1600 by the United States Census Bureau for block boundaries.

1601 (4) (a) Within 10 days after there is any change in the  
1602 division, name, number, or boundaries of the precincts, or the  
1603 location of the polling places, the supervisor of elections  
1604 shall make in writing an accurate description of any new or  
1605 altered precincts, setting forth the boundary lines and shall  
1606 identify the location of each new or altered polling place. A  
1607 copy of the document describing such changes must ~~shall~~ be  
1608 posted at the supervisor's office.

1609 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 101.048, Florida  
1610 Statutes, is amended to read:

1611 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

1612 (1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly  
1613 registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in  
1614 the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a  
1615 person whom an election official asserts is not eligible,  
1616 including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been  
1617 sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for whom a final  
1618 determination of eligibility has not been made, and other  
1619 persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a  
1620 provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must  
1621 ~~shall~~ be placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a  
1622 provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must ~~shall~~  
1623 be deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must ~~shall~~  
1624 remain sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of



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1625 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the  
1626 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional  
1627 ballot has ~~shall have~~ the right to present written evidence  
1628 supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of  
1629 elections by not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following  
1630 the election.

1631 Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
1632 101.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1633 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

1634 (4)

1635 (b) When two or more candidates running for the same office  
1636 on an ~~a primary~~ election ballot have the same or a similar  
1637 surname, the word "incumbent" must ~~shall~~ appear next to the  
1638 incumbent's name.

1639 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 101.5612, Florida  
1640 Statutes, is amended to read:

1641 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

1642 (2) On any day not more than 25 days before the  
1643 commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, the  
1644 supervisor of elections shall have the automatic tabulating  
1645 equipment publicly tested to ascertain that the equipment will  
1646 correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all  
1647 measures. If the ballots to be used at the polling place on  
1648 election day are not available at the time of the testing, the  
1649 supervisor may conduct an additional test not more than 10 days  
1650 before election day. Public notice of the time and place of the  
1651 test shall be given at least 48 hours prior thereto by  
1652 publication on the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on  
1653 the supervisor of elections' website, or ~~and~~ once in one or more

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1654 newspapers of general circulation in the county. If the  
1655 applicable website becomes unavailable or, if there is no  
1656 newspaper of general circulation in the county, ~~by posting~~ the  
1657 notice must be posted in at least four conspicuous places in the  
1658 county. The supervisor or the municipal elections official may,  
1659 at the time of qualifying, give written notice of the time and  
1660 location of the public preelection test to each candidate  
1661 qualifying with that office and obtain a signed receipt that the  
1662 notice has been given. The Department of State shall give  
1663 written notice to each statewide candidate at the time of  
1664 qualifying, or immediately at the end of qualifying, that the  
1665 voting equipment will be tested and advise each candidate to  
1666 contact the county supervisor of elections as to the time and  
1667 location of the public preelection test. The supervisor or the  
1668 municipal elections official shall, at least 30 days before the  
1669 commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, send  
1670 written notice by certified mail to the county party chair of  
1671 each political party and to all candidates for other than  
1672 statewide office whose names appear on the ballot in the county  
1673 and who did not receive written notification from the supervisor  
1674 or municipal elections official at the time of qualifying,  
1675 stating the time and location of the public preelection test of  
1676 the automatic tabulating equipment. The canvassing board shall  
1677 convene, and each member of the canvassing board shall certify  
1678 to the accuracy of the test. For the test, the canvassing board  
1679 may designate one member to represent it. The test shall be open  
1680 to representatives of the political parties, the press, and the  
1681 public. Each political party may designate one person with  
1682 expertise in the computer field who shall be allowed in the

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1683 central counting room when all tests are being conducted and  
1684 when the official votes are being counted. The designee may  
1685 ~~shall~~ not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing  
1686 board.

1687 Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 101.6103, Florida  
1688 Statutes, is amended to read:

1689 101.6103 Mail ballot election procedure.—

1690 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7), the  
1691 supervisor of elections shall mail all official ballots with a  
1692 secrecy envelope, a return mailing envelope, and instructions  
1693 sufficient to describe the voting process to each elector  
1694 entitled to vote in the election within the timeframes specified  
1695 in s. 101.62(3) ~~s. 101.62(4)~~. All such ballots must ~~shall~~ be  
1696 mailed by first-class mail. Ballots must ~~shall~~ be addressed to  
1697 each elector at the address appearing in the registration  
1698 records and placed in an envelope which is prominently marked  
1699 "Do Not Forward."

1700 Section 26. Section 101.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1701 read:

1702 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.—

1703 (1) REQUEST.—

1704 (a) The supervisor shall accept a request for a vote-by-  
1705 mail ballot only from a voter or, if directly instructed by the  
1706 voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's  
1707 legal guardian from an elector in person or in writing. A  
1708 request may be made in person, in writing, by telephone, or  
1709 through the supervisor's website. The department shall prescribe  
1710 by rule by October 1, 2023, a uniform statewide application to  
1711 make a written request for a vote-by-mail ballot which includes

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1712 fields for all information required in this subsection. One  
1713 request is deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot  
1714 for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the  
1715 next regularly scheduled general election, unless the voter  
1716 ~~elector~~ or the voter's ~~elector's~~ designee indicates at the time  
1717 the request is made the elections within such period for which  
1718 the voter ~~elector~~ desires to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. The  
1719 supervisor must cancel a request for a vote-by-mail ballot ~~Such~~  
1720 ~~request may be considered canceled~~ when any first-class mail or  
1721 nonforwardable mail sent by the supervisor to the voter ~~elector~~  
1722 is returned as undeliverable. If the voter requests a vote-by-  
1723 mail ballot thereafter, the voter must provide or confirm his or  
1724 her current residential address.

1725 (b) The supervisor may accept a ~~written, an in-person, or a~~  
1726 ~~telephonic~~ request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a  
1727 voter's ~~an elector's~~ address on file in the Florida Voter  
1728 Registration System from the voter ~~elector~~, or, if directly  
1729 instructed by the voter ~~elector~~, a member of the voter's  
1730 ~~elector's~~ immediate family, or the voter's ~~elector's~~ legal  
1731 guardian. If an in-person or a telephonic request is made, the  
1732 voter ~~elector~~ must provide the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver  
1733 license number, the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification  
1734 card number, or the last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~  
1735 social security number, whichever may be verified in the  
1736 supervisor's records. If the ballot is requested to be mailed to  
1737 an address other than the voter's ~~elector's~~ address on file in  
1738 the Florida Voter Registration System, the request must be made  
1739 in writing. A written request must be signed by the voter  
1740 ~~elector~~ and include the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver license

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1741 number, the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification card  
1742 number, or the last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~ social  
1743 security number. However, an absent uniformed services ~~service~~  
1744 voter or an overseas voter seeking a vote-by-mail ballot is not  
1745 required to submit a signed, written request for a vote-by-mail  
1746 ballot that is being mailed to an address other than the voter's  
1747 ~~elector's~~ address on file in the Florida Voter Registration  
1748 System. ~~For purposes of this section, the term "immediate~~  
1749 ~~family" has the same meaning as specified in paragraph (4)(c).~~  
1750 The person making the request must disclose:

- 1751 1. The name of the voter ~~elector~~ for whom the ballot is  
1752 requested.
- 1753 2. The voter's ~~elector's~~ address.
- 1754 3. The voter's ~~elector's~~ date of birth.
- 1755 4. The voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver license number, the  
1756 voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification card number, or the  
1757 last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~ social security  
1758 number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records.  
1759 If the voter's registration record does not already include the  
1760 voter's Florida driver license number or Florida identification  
1761 card number or the last four digits of the voter's social  
1762 security number, the number provided must be recorded in the  
1763 voter's registration record.
- 1764 5. The requester's name.
- 1765 6. The requester's address.
- 1766 7. The requester's driver license number, the requester's  
1767 identification card number, or the last four digits of the  
1768 requester's social security number, if available.
- 1769 8. The requester's relationship to the voter ~~elector~~.

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1770 9. The requester's signature (written requests only).

1771 (c) Upon receiving a request for a vote-by-mail ballot from  
 1772 an absent voter, the supervisor of elections shall notify the  
 1773 voter of the free access system that has been designated by the  
 1774 department for determining the status of his or her vote-by-mail  
 1775 ballot.

1776 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "immediate  
 1777 family" refers to the following, as applicable:

1778 1. The voter's spouse, parent, child, grandparent,  
 1779 grandchild, or sibling, or the parent, child, grandparent,  
 1780 grandchild, or sibling of the voter's spouse.

1781 2. The designee's spouse, parent, child, grandparent,  
 1782 grandchild, or sibling, or the parent, child, grandparent,  
 1783 grandchild, or sibling of the designee's spouse.

1784 ~~(2) A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a~~  
 1785 ~~voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day~~  
 1786 ~~before the election by the supervisor. The supervisor shall mail~~  
 1787 ~~vote-by-mail ballots to voters requesting ballots by such~~  
 1788 ~~deadline no later than 8 days before the election.~~

1789 (2)(3) ACCESS TO VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUEST INFORMATION.—For each  
 1790 request for a vote-by-mail ballot received, the supervisor shall  
 1791 record the following information: the date the request was made;  
 1792 the identity of the voter's designee making the request, if any;  
 1793 the Florida driver license number, Florida identification card  
 1794 number, or last four digits of the social security number of the  
 1795 voter ~~elector~~ provided with a written request; the date the  
 1796 vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to the voter or the voter's  
 1797 designee or the date the vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to  
 1798 the post office or other carrier; the address to which the

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1799 ballot was mailed or the identity of the voter's designee to  
1800 whom the ballot was delivered; the date the ballot was received  
1801 by the supervisor; the absence of the voter's signature on the  
1802 voter's certificate, if applicable; whether the voter's  
1803 certificate contains a signature that does not match the voter's  
1804 ~~elector's~~ signature in the registration books or precinct  
1805 register; and such other information he or she may deem  
1806 necessary. This information must ~~shall~~ be provided in electronic  
1807 format as provided by division rule. The information must ~~shall~~  
1808 be updated and made available no later than 8 a.m. of each day,  
1809 including weekends, beginning 60 days before the primary until  
1810 15 days after the general election and shall be  
1811 contemporaneously provided to the division. This information is  
1812 ~~shall be~~ confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall be  
1813 made available to or reproduced only for the voter requesting  
1814 the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official, a  
1815 political party or official thereof, a candidate who has filed  
1816 qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and  
1817 registered political committees for political purposes only.

1818 (3)(4) DELIVERY OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS.-

1819 (a) No later than 45 days before each presidential  
1820 preference primary election, primary election, and general  
1821 election, the supervisor of elections shall send a vote-by-mail  
1822 ballot as provided in subparagraph (d)2. ~~(e)2.~~ to each absent  
1823 uniformed services voter and to each overseas voter who has  
1824 requested a vote-by-mail ballot.

1825 (b) The supervisor shall mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each  
1826 absent qualified voter, other than those listed in paragraph  
1827 (a), who has requested such a ballot, between the 40th and 33rd

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1828 days before the presidential preference primary election,  
1829 primary election, and general election.

1830 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) or  
1831 paragraph (b) subsection (2) and after the period described in  
1832 this paragraph, the supervisor shall mail vote-by-mail ballots  
1833 within 2 business days after receiving a request for such a  
1834 ballot, but no later than the 10th day before election day. The  
1835 deadline to submit a request for a ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m.  
1836 local time on the 12th day before an upcoming election.

1837 (d)(e) Upon a request for a vote-by-mail ballot, the  
1838 supervisor shall provide a vote-by-mail ballot to each voter  
1839 elector by whom a request for that ballot has been made, by one  
1840 of the following means:

1841 1. By nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable mail to the  
1842 voter's elector's current mailing address on file with the  
1843 supervisor or any other address the voter elector specifies in  
1844 the request. The envelopes must be prominently marked "Do Not  
1845 Forward."

1846 2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine  
1847 transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas  
1848 voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter  
1849 may designate in the vote-by-mail ballot request the preferred  
1850 method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the  
1851 method of transmission, the vote-by-mail ballot must shall be  
1852 mailed.

1853 3. By personal delivery ~~before 7 p.m. on election day~~ to  
1854 the voter after vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed and up to  
1855 7 p.m. on election day elector, upon presentation of the  
1856 identification required in s. 101.043.



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1857 4. By delivery to the voter's a designee after vote-by-mail  
1858 ballots have been mailed and up to 7 p.m. on election day ~~or up~~  
1859 ~~to 9 days before the day of an election.~~ Any voter ~~elector~~ may  
1860 designate in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the  
1861 voter ~~elector~~; however, the person designated may not pick up  
1862 more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than the  
1863 designee's own ballot, except that additional ballots may be  
1864 picked up for members of the designee's immediate family. ~~For~~  
1865 ~~purposes of this section, "immediate family" means the~~  
1866 ~~designee's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild,~~  
1867 ~~or sibling of the designee or of the designee's spouse.~~ The  
1868 designee shall provide to the supervisor the written  
1869 authorization by the voter ~~elector~~ and a picture identification  
1870 of the designee and must complete an affidavit. The designee  
1871 shall state in the affidavit that the designee is authorized by  
1872 the voter ~~elector~~ to pick up that ballot and shall indicate if  
1873 the voter ~~elector~~ is a member of the designee's immediate family  
1874 and, if so, the relationship. The department shall prescribe the  
1875 form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is satisfied that the  
1876 designee is authorized to pick up the ballot and that the  
1877 signature of the voter ~~elector~~ on the written authorization  
1878 matches the signature of the voter ~~elector~~ on file, the  
1879 supervisor must ~~shall~~ give the ballot to that designee for  
1880 delivery to the voter ~~elector~~.

1881 5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not  
1882 deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to a voter ~~an elector~~ or a voter's  
1883 designee pursuant to subparagraph 3. or subparagraph 4.,  
1884 respectively, during the mandatory early voting period and up to  
1885 7 p.m. on election day, ~~an elector's immediate family member on~~

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1886 ~~the day of the election~~ unless there is an emergency, to the  
1887 extent that the voter ~~elector~~ will be unable to go to a  
1888 designated early voting site in his or her county or to his or  
1889 her assigned polling place on election day. If a vote-by-mail  
1890 ballot is delivered, the voter ~~elector~~ or his or her designee  
1891 must ~~shall~~ execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which  
1892 allow for delivery of the vote-by-mail ballot. The department  
1893 shall adopt a rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

1894 (4)(5) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—If the department is unable  
1895 to certify candidates for an election in time to comply with  
1896 paragraph (3)(a) ~~(4)(a)~~, the Department of State is authorized  
1897 to prescribe rules for a ballot to be sent to absent uniformed  
1898 services voters and overseas voters.

1899 (5)(6) MATERIALS.—Only the materials necessary to vote by  
1900 mail may be mailed or delivered with any vote-by-mail ballot.

1901 (6)(7) PROHIBITION.—Except as expressly authorized for  
1902 voters having a disability under s. 101.662, for overseas voters  
1903 under s. 101.697, or for local referenda under ss. 101.6102 and  
1904 101.6103, a county, municipality, or state agency may not send a  
1905 vote-by-mail ballot to a voter unless the voter has requested a  
1906 vote-by-mail ballot in the manner authorized under this section.

1907 Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 101.67, Florida  
1908 Statutes, is amended to read:

1909 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for  
1910 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.—

1911 (1)(a) The supervisor of elections shall safely keep in his  
1912 or her office any envelopes received containing marked ballots  
1913 of absent electors, and he or she shall, before the canvassing  
1914 of the election returns, deliver the envelopes to the county

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1915 canvassing board along with his or her file or list kept  
1916 regarding said ballots.

1917 (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections  
1918 shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person  
1919 to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for  
1920 whom a final determination of eligibility has not been made, and  
1921 shall treat them as provisional ballots for individual review by  
1922 the county canvassing board. The supervisor shall attempt to  
1923 contact each voter whose ballot has been set aside under this  
1924 paragraph in the same manner as if the voter had voted a  
1925 provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

1926 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 101.68, Florida  
1927 Statutes, is amended to read:

1928 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

1929 (1) (a) The supervisor of the county where the absent  
1930 elector resides shall receive the voted ballot, at which time  
1931 the supervisor shall compare the signature of the elector on the  
1932 voter's certificate with the signature of the elector in the  
1933 registration books or the precinct register to determine whether  
1934 the elector is duly registered in the county and must record on  
1935 the elector's registration record that the elector has voted.  
1936 During the signature comparison process, the supervisor may not  
1937 use any knowledge of the political affiliation of the elector  
1938 ~~voter~~ whose signature is subject to verification.

1939 (b) An elector who dies after casting a vote-by-mail ballot  
1940 but on or before election day shall remain listed in the  
1941 registration books until the results have been certified for the  
1942 election in which the ballot was cast. The supervisor shall  
1943 safely keep the ballot unopened in his or her office until the

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1944 county canvassing board canvasses the vote pursuant to  
1945 subsection (2).

1946 (c) If two or more vote-by-mail ballots for the same  
1947 election are returned in one mailing envelope, the ballots may  
1948 not be counted.

1949 (d) Except as provided in subsection (4), after a vote-by-  
1950 mail ballot is received by the supervisor, the ballot is deemed  
1951 to have been cast, and changes or additions may not be made to  
1952 the voter's certificate.

1953 Section 29. Section 101.6923, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1954 to read:

1955 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
1956 certain first-time voters.—

1957 (1) This section applies ~~The provisions of this section~~  
1958 ~~apply~~ to voters who are subject to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 97.0535  
1959 and who have not provided the identification or information  
1960 required by s. 97.0535 by the time the vote-by-mail ballot is  
1961 mailed.

1962 (2) A voter covered by this section must ~~shall~~ be provided  
1963 with printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in  
1964 substantially the following form:

1965  
1966 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR  
1967 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE  
1968 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1969  
1970 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be  
1971 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
1972 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county

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1973 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
1974 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
1975 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
1976 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
1977 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
1978 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
1979 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
1980 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less  
1981 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is  
1982 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the  
1983 election.

1984 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
1985 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
1986 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1987 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
1988 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
1989 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
1990 that race will not be counted.

1991 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
1992 envelope and seal the envelope.

1993 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
1994 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
1995 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
1996 envelope.

1997 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
1998 Signature).

1999 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
2000 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
2001 your ballot may not be counted.

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2002 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
2003 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
2004 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
2005 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
2006 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
2007 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
2008 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
2009 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
2010 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

2011 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
2012 must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
2013 identification:

2014 a. Identification which must include your name and  
2015 photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
2016 military identification; student identification; retirement  
2017 center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
2018 public assistance identification; veteran health identification  
2019 card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;  
2020 a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an  
2021 employee identification card issued by any branch, department,  
2022 agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a  
2023 county, or a municipality; or

2024 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
2025 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
2026 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
2027 voter information card).

2028 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
2029 if you meet one of the following requirements:

2030 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

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2031           b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

2032           c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty

2033 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the

2034 county on election day.

2035           d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason

2036 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the

2037 county on election day.

2038           e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to

2039 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active

2040 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on

2041 election day.

2042           f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

2043           8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into

2044 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy

2045 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR

2046 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR

2047 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR

2048 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

2049           9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing

2050 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

2051           10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to

2052 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote

2053 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote

2054 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under

2055 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

2056           Section 30. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.6925,

2057 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2058           101.6925 Canvassing special vote-by-mail ballots.—

2059           (1) The supervisor of the county where the voter ~~absent~~

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2060 ~~elector~~ resides shall receive the voted special vote-by-mail  
2061 ballot, at which time the mailing envelope must ~~shall~~ be opened  
2062 to determine if the voter has enclosed the identification  
2063 required or has indicated on the Voter's Certificate that he or  
2064 she is exempt from the identification requirements.

2065 (3) If the identification is not enclosed in the mailing  
2066 envelope and the voter has not indicated that he or she is  
2067 exempt from the identification requirements, the supervisor must  
2068 ~~shall~~ check the voter registration records to determine if the  
2069 voter's identification was previously received or the voter had  
2070 previously notified the supervisor that he or she was exempt.  
2071 The envelope with the Voter's Certificate may ~~shall~~ not be  
2072 opened unless the identification has been received or the voter  
2073 has indicated that he or she is exempt. The ballot must ~~shall~~ be  
2074 treated as a provisional ballot and may ~~until 7 p.m. on election~~  
2075 ~~day and shall~~ not be canvassed unless the supervisor has  
2076 received the required identification or written indication of  
2077 exemption by 5 7 p.m. local time on the 2nd day following the ~~on~~  
2078 election ~~day~~.

2079 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 101.694, Florida  
2080 Statutes, is amended to read:

2081 101.694 Mailing of ballots upon receipt of federal postcard  
2082 application.—

2083 (1) Upon receipt of a federal postcard application for a  
2084 vote-by-mail ballot executed by a person whose registration is  
2085 in order or whose application is sufficient to register or  
2086 update the registration of that person, the supervisor shall  
2087 send the ballot in accordance with s. 101.62(3) ~~s. 101.62(4)~~.

2088 Section 32. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 101.71,



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2089 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2090 101.71 Polling place.—

2091 (2) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (1),  
2092 whenever the supervisor of elections of any county determines  
2093 that the accommodations for holding any election at a polling  
2094 place designated for any precinct in the county are unavailable,  
2095 are inadequate for the expeditious and efficient housing and  
2096 handling of voting and voting paraphernalia, or do not comply  
2097 with the requirements of s. 101.715, the supervisor shall, not  
2098 less than 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the holding of an election,  
2099 provide for the voting place for such precinct to be moved to  
2100 another site that is accessible to the public on election day in  
2101 said precinct or, if such is not available, to another site that  
2102 is accessible to the public on election day in a contiguous  
2103 precinct. If such action of the supervisor results in the voting  
2104 place for two or more precincts being located for the purposes  
2105 of an election in one building, the supervisor of elections  
2106 shall provide adequate supplies, equipment, and personnel are  
2107 available to accommodate the voters for the precincts that are  
2108 collocated. When any supervisor moves any polling place pursuant  
2109 to this subsection, the supervisor shall, not more than 30 days  
2110 or fewer than 7 days before ~~prior to~~ the holding of an election,  
2111 give notice of the change of the polling place for the precinct  
2112 involved, with clear description of the voting place to which  
2113 changed, by publication on the county's website as provided in  
2114 s. 50.0311, on the supervisor's website, or at least once in a  
2115 newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~and on the~~  
2116 ~~supervisor of elections' website~~. A notice of the change of the  
2117 polling place involved shall be mailed, at least 14 days before

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2118 ~~prior to~~ an election, to each registered elector or to each  
2119 household in which there is a registered elector.

2120 (5) Public, tax-supported buildings must ~~shall~~ be made  
2121 available for use as polling places, or early voting locations  
2122 that meet the requirements specified in s. 101.657, upon the  
2123 request of the supervisor of elections.

2124 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 101.733, Florida  
2125 Statutes, is amended to read:

2126 101.733 Election emergency; purpose; elections emergency  
2127 contingency plan.—Because of the existing and continuing  
2128 possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before  
2129 or during a regularly scheduled or special election, and in  
2130 order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral  
2131 process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons  
2132 seeking to exercise their right to vote, generally to minimize  
2133 to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during  
2134 declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of  
2135 the electoral process, it is hereby found and declared to be  
2136 necessary to designate a procedure for the emergency suspension  
2137 or delay and rescheduling of elections.

2138 (2) The Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of  
2139 State, shall reschedule any election suspended or delayed due to  
2140 an emergency. The election shall be held within 10 days after  
2141 the date of the suspended or delayed election or as soon  
2142 thereafter as is practicable. Notice of the election must ~~shall~~  
2143 be published on the affected county's website as provided in s.  
2144 50.0311, on the affected supervisor's website, or at least once  
2145 in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area and,  
2146 where practicable, broadcast as a public service announcement on

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2147 radio and television stations at least 1 week before ~~prior to~~  
2148 the date the election is to be held.

2149 Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida  
2150 Statutes, is amended to read:

2151 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

2152 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 8 9  
2153 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 8 9 a.m. on  
2154 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of  
2155 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office. If  
2156 a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted  
2157 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the  
2158 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a  
2159 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the  
2160 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the  
2161 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify  
2162 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,  
2163 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and  
2164 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

2165 Section 35. Subsection (2) of section 102.112, Florida  
2166 Statutes, is amended to read:

2167 102.112 Deadline for submission of county returns to the  
2168 Department of State.—

2169 (2) Returns must be filed no later than noon ~~by 5 p.m.~~ on  
2170 the 8th 7th day following a primary election and no later than  
2171 ~~by~~ noon on the 13th 12th day following the general election.  
2172 However, the Department of State may correct typographical  
2173 errors, including the transposition of numbers, in any returns  
2174 submitted to the Department of State pursuant to s. 102.111(2).

2175 Section 36. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection

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2176 (2), and subsection (10) of section 102.141, Florida Statutes,  
2177 are amended to read:

2178 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

2179 (1) The county canvassing board shall be composed of the  
2180 supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as  
2181 chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners. The  
2182 names of the canvassing board members must be published on the  
2183 supervisor's website upon completion of the logic and accuracy  
2184 test. At least two alternate canvassing board members must be  
2185 appointed pursuant to paragraph (e). In the event any member of  
2186 the county canvassing board is unable to serve, is a candidate  
2187 who has opposition in the election being canvassed, or is an  
2188 active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate  
2189 who has opposition in the election being canvassed, such member  
2190 shall be replaced as follows:

2191 (a) If a ~~no~~ county court judge is unable ~~able~~ to serve or  
2192 if all are disqualified, the chief judge of the judicial circuit  
2193 in which the county is located must ~~shall~~ appoint as a  
2194 substitute member a qualified elector of the county who is not a  
2195 candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and  
2196 who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of  
2197 any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.  
2198 In such event, the members of the county canvassing board shall  
2199 meet and elect a chair.

2200 (b) If the supervisor of elections is unable to serve or is  
2201 disqualified, the chair of the board of county commissioners  
2202 must ~~shall~~ appoint as a substitute member a member of the board  
2203 of county commissioners who is not a candidate with opposition  
2204 in the election being canvassed and who is not an active

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2205 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with  
2206 opposition in the election being canvassed. The supervisor,  
2207 however, shall act in an advisory capacity to the canvassing  
2208 board.

2209 (c) If the chair of the board of county commissioners is  
2210 unable to serve or is disqualified, the board of county  
2211 commissioners must ~~shall~~ appoint as a substitute member one of  
2212 its members who is not a candidate with opposition in the  
2213 election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in  
2214 the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in  
2215 the election being canvassed.

2216 (d) If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be  
2217 appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the  
2218 event of a vacancy in such office, the chief judge of the  
2219 judicial circuit in which the county is located must ~~shall~~  
2220 appoint as a substitute member or alternate member a qualified  
2221 elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in  
2222 the election being canvassed and who is not an active  
2223 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with  
2224 opposition in the election being canvassed.

2225 (e)1. The chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the  
2226 county is located shall appoint a county court judge as an  
2227 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each  
2228 county court judge is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall  
2229 appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a  
2230 substitute member under paragraph (a). Any alternate may serve  
2231 in any seat.

2232 2. The chair of the board of county commissioners shall  
2233 appoint a member of the board of county commissioners as an

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2234 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each  
2235 member of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve  
2236 or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is  
2237 qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (d).

2238 3. If a member of the county canvassing board is unable to  
2239 participate in a meeting of the board, the chair of the county  
2240 canvassing board or his or her designee must ~~shall~~ designate  
2241 which alternate member will serve as a member of the board in  
2242 the place of the member who is unable to participate at that  
2243 meeting.

2244 4. If not serving as one of the three members of the county  
2245 canvassing board, an alternate member may be present, observe,  
2246 and communicate with the three members constituting the county  
2247 canvassing board, but may not vote in the board's decisions or  
2248 determinations.

2249 (2)

2250 (b) Public notice of the canvassing board members,  
2251 alternates, time, and place at which the county canvassing board  
2252 shall meet to canvass the absent electors' ballots and  
2253 provisional ballots must be given at least 48 hours prior  
2254 thereto by publication on the county's website as provided in s.  
2255 50.0311, on the supervisor's website, or ~~and published~~ in one or  
2256 more newspapers of general circulation in the county. ~~or~~ If the  
2257 applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper  
2258 of general circulation in the county, the notice must be posted  
2259 ~~by posting such notice~~ in at least four conspicuous places in  
2260 the county. The time given in the notice as to the convening of  
2261 the meeting of the county canvassing board must be specific and  
2262 may not be a time period during which the board may meet.

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2263 (10) (a) The supervisor ~~At the same time that the official~~  
2264 ~~results of an election are certified to the Department of State,~~  
2265 ~~the county canvassing board~~ shall file a report with the  
2266 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later  
2267 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission  
2268 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe  
2269 all of the following:

2270 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct  
2271 level, at a counting location, or within computer and  
2272 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, and  
2273 the steps that were taken to address the malfunctions.†

2274 2. All election definition errors that were discovered  
2275 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken  
2276 to address the errors.†

2277 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing  
2278 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken  
2279 to address the errors or problems.†

2280 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by  
2281 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the  
2282 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during  
2283 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to  
2284 correct such issues.†

2285 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment were  
2286 insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.† ~~and~~

2287 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or  
2288 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

2289 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional information  
2290 on any of the items required to be included in the report  
2291 pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the

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2292 supervisor must ~~shall~~ notify the division that new information  
2293 has been discovered no later than the next business day after  
2294 the discovery, and the supervisor must ~~shall~~ file an amended  
2295 report signed by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of  
2296 the election within 10 days after the discovery.

2297 (c) Such reports must ~~shall~~ be maintained on file in the  
2298 Division of Elections and must ~~shall~~ be available for public  
2299 inspection.

2300 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election  
2301 reports ~~utilize the reports submitted by the canvassing boards~~  
2302 to determine what problems may be likely to occur in other  
2303 elections and disseminate such information, along with possible  
2304 solutions and training, to the supervisors of elections.

2305 (e) The department shall submit the analysis of these  
2306 reports for the general election as part of the consolidated  
2307 reports required under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor,  
2308 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2309 Representatives by February 15 of each year following a general  
2310 election.

2311 Section 37. Section 103.021, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2312 to read:

2313 103.021 Nomination for presidential electors.—Candidates  
2314 for presidential electors shall be nominated in the following  
2315 manner:

2316 (1) (a) The Governor shall nominate the presidential  
2317 electors of each political party. The state executive committee  
2318 of each political party shall by resolution recommend candidates  
2319 for presidential electors and deliver a certified copy thereof  
2320 to the Governor no later than noon on August 24 ~~before September~~



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2321 ± of each presidential election year. The Governor shall  
2322 nominate only the electors recommended by the state executive  
2323 committee of the respective political party.

2324 (b) The state executive committee of each political party  
2325 shall submit the Florida voter registration number and contact  
2326 information of each presidential elector. Each such presidential  
2327 elector must ~~shall~~ be a qualified registered voter of this state  
2328 and member ~~elector~~ of the party he or she represents who has  
2329 taken a written ~~an~~ oath that he or she will vote for the  
2330 candidates of the party that he or she is nominated to  
2331 represent.

2332 (c) The Governor shall certify to the Department of State  
2333 no later than 5 p.m. on August 24 ~~or before September 1~~, in each  
2334 presidential election year, the names of a number of electors  
2335 for each political party equal to the number of senators and  
2336 representatives which this state has in Congress.

2337 (2) The names of the presidential electors may ~~shall~~ not be  
2338 printed on the general election ballot, but the names of the  
2339 actual candidates for President and Vice President for whom the  
2340 presidential electors will vote if elected must ~~shall~~ be printed  
2341 on the ballot in the order in which the party of which the  
2342 candidate is a nominee polled the highest number of votes for  
2343 Governor in the last general election.

2344 (3) Candidates for President and Vice President with no  
2345 party affiliation may have their names printed on the general  
2346 election ballots if a petition is signed by 1 percent of the  
2347 registered voters ~~electors~~ of this state, as shown by the  
2348 compilation by the Department of State for the last preceding  
2349 general election. A separate petition from each county for which

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2350 signatures are solicited shall be submitted to the supervisor of  
2351 elections of the respective county no later than noon on July 15  
2352 of each presidential election year. The supervisor shall check  
2353 the names and, on or before the date of the primary election,  
2354 shall certify the number shown as registered voters ~~electors~~ of  
2355 the county. The supervisor shall be paid by the person  
2356 requesting the certification the cost of checking the petitions  
2357 as prescribed in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward  
2358 the certificate to the Department of State which shall determine  
2359 whether or not the percentage factor required in this section  
2360 has been met. When the percentage factor required in this  
2361 section has been met, the Department of State shall order the  
2362 names of the candidates for whom the petition was circulated to  
2363 be included on the ballot and shall allow ~~permit~~ the required  
2364 number of persons to be certified as presidential electors in  
2365 the same manner as party candidates.

2366 (4) (a) A minor political party that is affiliated with a  
2367 national party holding a national convention to nominate  
2368 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States  
2369 may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice  
2370 President of the United States printed on the general election  
2371 ballot by filing with the Department of State a certificate  
2372 naming the candidates for President and Vice President and  
2373 listing the required number of persons to serve as presidential  
2374 electors. Notification to the Department of State under this  
2375 subsection must ~~shall~~ be made no later than 5 p.m. on August 24  
2376 ~~by September 1~~ of the year in which the general election is  
2377 held. When the Department of State has been so notified, it  
2378 shall order the names of the candidates nominated by the minor

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2379 political party to be included on the ballot and shall allow  
2380 ~~permit~~ the required number of persons to be certified as  
2381 presidential electors in the same manner as other party  
2382 candidates. As used in this section, the term "national party"  
2383 means a political party that is registered with and recognized  
2384 as a qualified national committee of a political party by the  
2385 Federal Election Commission.

2386 (b) A minor political party that is not affiliated with a  
2387 national party holding a national convention to nominate  
2388 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States  
2389 may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice  
2390 President printed on the general election ballot if a petition  
2391 is signed by 1 percent of the registered voters ~~electors~~ of this  
2392 state, as shown by the compilation by the Department of State  
2393 for the preceding general election. A separate petition from  
2394 each county for which signatures are solicited must ~~shall~~ be  
2395 submitted to the supervisors of elections of the respective  
2396 county no later than noon on July 15 of each presidential  
2397 election year. The supervisor shall check the names and, on or  
2398 before the date of the primary election, shall certify the  
2399 number shown as registered voters ~~electors~~ of the county. The  
2400 supervisor shall be paid by the person requesting the  
2401 certification the cost of checking the petitions as prescribed  
2402 in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward the certificate  
2403 to the Department of State, which shall determine whether or not  
2404 the percentage factor required in this section has been met.  
2405 When the percentage factor required in this section has been  
2406 met, the Department of State shall order the names of the  
2407 candidates for whom the petition was circulated to be included

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2408 on the ballot and shall allow ~~permit~~ the required number of  
2409 persons to be certified as presidential electors in the same  
2410 manner as other party candidates.

2411 (5) When for any reason a person nominated or elected as a  
2412 presidential elector is unable to serve because of death,  
2413 incapacity, or otherwise, the Governor may appoint a person to  
2414 fill such vacancy who possesses the qualifications required for  
2415 the elector to have been nominated in the first instance. Such  
2416 person shall file with the Governor a written ~~an~~ oath that he or  
2417 she will support the same candidates for President and Vice  
2418 President that the person who is unable to serve was committed  
2419 to support.

2420 (6) A presidential elector's refusal or failure to vote for  
2421 the candidates for President and Vice President of the party the  
2422 presidential elector was nominated to represent constitutes his  
2423 or her resignation of the position. The vote he or she cast may  
2424 not be recorded, and his or her position as a presidential  
2425 elector must be filled as provided in subsection (5).

2426 Section 38. Section 103.022, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2427 to read:

2428 103.022 Write-in candidates for President and Vice  
2429 President.—

2430 (1) Persons seeking to qualify for election as write-in  
2431 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States  
2432 may have a blank space provided on the general election ballot  
2433 for their names to be written in by filing an oath with the  
2434 Department of State at any time after the 57th day, but before  
2435 noon of the 49th day, before ~~prior to~~ the date of the primary  
2436 election in the year in which a presidential election is held.

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2437       (2) The Department of State shall prescribe the form to be  
2438 used in administering the oath.

2439       (3) The write-in candidates shall file with the department  
2440 a certificate naming the required number of persons to serve as  
2441 electors. The write-in candidates shall submit the Florida voter  
2442 registration number and contact information for each  
2443 presidential elector. Each presidential elector must be a  
2444 qualified registered voter of this state. Such write-in  
2445 candidates are ~~shall not be~~ entitled to have their names on the  
2446 ballot.

2447       Section 39. Subsection (4) of section 103.091, Florida  
2448 Statutes, is amended to read:

2449       103.091 Political parties.—

2450       (4) Any political party other than a minor political party  
2451 may by rule provide for the membership of its state or county  
2452 executive committee to be elected for 4-year terms at the  
2453 primary election in each year a presidential election is held.  
2454 The terms ~~shall~~ commence on the first day of the month following  
2455 each presidential general election; but the names of candidates  
2456 for political party offices may ~~shall~~ not be placed on the  
2457 ballot at any other election. The results of such election are  
2458 ~~shall be~~ determined by a plurality of the votes cast. In such  
2459 event, electors seeking to qualify for such office shall do so  
2460 with the Department of State or supervisor of elections not  
2461 earlier than noon of the 71st day, or later than noon of the  
2462 67th day, preceding the primary election. A qualifying office  
2463 may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than  
2464 14 days before the beginning of the qualifying period, to be  
2465 processed and filed during the qualifying period. The outgoing

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2466 chair of each county executive committee shall, within 30 days  
2467 after the committee members take office, hold an organizational  
2468 meeting of all newly elected members for the purpose of electing  
2469 officers. The chair of each state executive committee shall,  
2470 within 60 days after the committee members take office, hold an  
2471 organizational meeting of all newly elected members for the  
2472 purpose of electing officers.

2473 Section 40. Section 104.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
2474 read:

2475 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.—

2476 (1) Any elector who knowingly votes or attempts to vote a  
2477 fraudulent ballot, or any person who knowingly solicits, or  
2478 attempts, to vote a fraudulent ballot, is guilty of a felony of  
2479 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
2480 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2481 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom  
2482 notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7) and who votes a  
2483 provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a final  
2484 determination of eligibility is made.

2485 Section 41. Section 104.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
2486 read:

2487 104.18 Casting more than one ballot at any election.—

2488 (1) Except as provided in s. 101.6952, whoever willfully  
2489 votes more than one ballot at any election commits a felony of  
2490 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
2491 775.083, or s. 775.084. In any prosecution under this section,  
2492 the prosecution may proceed in any jurisdiction in which one of  
2493 the ballots was willfully cast, and it is not necessary to prove  
2494 which of the ballots was cast first.

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2495 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "votes more than  
2496 one ballot at any election" means an occurrence of any of the  
2497 following:

2498 (a) Voting more than once in the same election within a  
2499 county located within this state.

2500 (b) Voting more than once in the same election by voting in  
2501 two or more counties located in this state.

2502 (c) Voting more than once in the same election by voting in  
2503 this state and in one or more other states or territories of the  
2504 United States.

2505 Section 42. Subsection (1) of section 104.42, Florida  
2506 Statutes, is amended to read:

2507 104.42 Fraudulent registration and illegal voting;  
2508 investigation.—

2509 (1) The supervisor of elections is authorized to  
2510 investigate fraudulent registrations and illegal voting and to  
2511 report his or her findings to the local state attorney and the  
2512 Office of Election Crimes and Security ~~Florida Elections~~  
2513 ~~Commission.~~

2514 Section 43. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of  
2515 section 105.031, Florida Statutes, to read:

2516 105.031 Qualification; filing fee; candidate's oath; items  
2517 required to be filed.—

2518 (4) CANDIDATE'S OATH.—

2519 (c) In addition, each candidate for judicial office shall,  
2520 at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in  
2521 writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines, fees, or  
2522 penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any violations of s.  
2523 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for

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2524 Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112, any  
2525 local ethics ordinance governing standards of conduct and  
2526 disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. If the candidate owes  
2527 any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties exceeding the  
2528 threshold amount specified in this paragraph, he or she must  
2529 also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied such  
2530 fine, fee, or penalty. For purposes of this paragraph, any such  
2531 fines, fees, or penalties that have been paid in full at the  
2532 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation are not deemed to  
2533 be outstanding.

2534 Section 44. Present paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of  
2535 subsection (7) of section 106.03, Florida Statutes, are  
2536 redesignated as paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), respectively, and  
2537 a new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, to read:

2538 106.03 Registration of political committees and  
2539 electioneering communications organizations.—

2540 (7) The Division of Elections shall adopt rules to  
2541 prescribe the manner in which committees and electioneering  
2542 communications organizations may be dissolved and have their  
2543 registration canceled. Such rules shall, at a minimum, provide  
2544 for:

2545 (a) Payment of fines prior to registration cancelation or  
2546 dissolution.

2547 Section 45. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection  
2548 (8) of section 106.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2549 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

2550 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate or  
2551 political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file regular  
2552 reports of all contributions received, and all expenditures



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2553 made, by or on behalf of such candidate or political committee.  
2554 Except for the third calendar quarter immediately preceding a  
2555 general election ~~as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b)~~, reports  
2556 must ~~shall~~ be filed on the 10th day following the end of each  
2557 calendar quarter ~~month~~ from the time the campaign treasurer is  
2558 appointed, except that, if the 10th day following the end of a  
2559 calendar quarter ~~month~~ occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal  
2560 holiday, the report must ~~shall~~ be filed on the next following  
2561 day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly  
2562 ~~Monthly~~ reports must ~~shall~~ include all contributions received  
2563 and expenditures made during the calendar quarter ~~month~~ which  
2564 have not otherwise been reported pursuant to this section.

2565 (a) A statewide candidate or a political committee required  
2566 to file reports with the division must file reports:

2567 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary  
2568 election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report  
2569 being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general  
2570 election.

2571 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general  
2572 election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report  
2573 being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general  
2574 election.

2575 (b) Any other candidate or a political committee required  
2576 to file reports with a filing officer other than the division  
2577 must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the  
2578 primary election, and biweekly on each Friday thereafter through  
2579 and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general  
2580 election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days  
2581 before the primary election and the general election.

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2582 (c) Following the last day of qualifying for office, any  
2583 unopposed candidate need only file a report within 90 days after  
2584 the date such candidate became unopposed. Such report shall  
2585 contain all previously unreported contributions and expenditures  
2586 as required by this section and shall reflect disposition of  
2587 funds as required by s. 106.141.

2588 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy  
2589 in office, all political committees making contributions or  
2590 expenditures to influence the results of such special election  
2591 or the preceding special primary election shall file campaign  
2592 treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by  
2593 the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.

2594 2. When an election is called for an issue to appear on the  
2595 ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on  
2596 the ballot, all political committees making contributions or  
2597 expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall  
2598 file reports on the 18th and 4th days before such election.

2599 (e) The filing officer shall provide each candidate with a  
2600 schedule designating the beginning and end of reporting periods  
2601 as well as the corresponding designated due dates.

2602 (f) A county, a municipality, or any other local  
2603 governmental entity is expressly preempted from enacting or  
2604 adopting a reporting schedule that differs from the requirements  
2605 established in this subsection.

2606 (8)

2607 (c) Any candidate or chair of a political committee may  
2608 appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to,  
2609 unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the  
2610 designated due date, and may request and shall be entitled to a

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2611 hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall  
2612 have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The  
2613 Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and  
2614 aggravating circumstances contained in s. 106.265(3) ~~s.~~  
2615 ~~106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be  
2616 waived. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after  
2617 receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case, the  
2618 candidate or chair of the political committee shall, within the  
2619 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or  
2620 her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

2621 Section 46. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section  
2622 106.0702, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2623 106.0702 Reporting; political party executive committee  
2624 candidates.—

2625 (7)

2626 (c) A reporting individual may appeal or dispute the fine,  
2627 based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances  
2628 surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and  
2629 may request and is entitled to a hearing before the Florida  
2630 Elections Commission, which has the authority to waive the fine  
2631 in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must  
2632 consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained  
2633 in s. 106.265(3) ~~s. 106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a  
2634 fine, if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made  
2635 within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In  
2636 such case, the reporting individual must, within 20 days after  
2637 receipt of the notice, notify the supervisor in writing of his  
2638 or her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

2639 Section 47. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph

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2640 (c) of subsection (7) of section 106.0703, Florida Statutes, are  
2641 amended to read:

2642 106.0703 Electioneering communications organizations;  
2643 reporting requirements; certification and filing; penalties.—

2644 (1) (a) Each electioneering communications organization  
2645 shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all  
2646 expenditures made by or on behalf of the organization. Except  
2647 for the third calendar quarter immediately preceding a general  
2648 election ~~as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c)~~, reports must be  
2649 filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter  
2650 ~~month~~ from the time the organization is registered. However, if  
2651 the 10th day following the end of a calendar quarter ~~month~~  
2652 occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report must  
2653 be filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday,  
2654 Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly ~~Monthly~~ reports must include  
2655 all contributions received and expenditures made during the  
2656 calendar quarter ~~month~~ that have not otherwise been reported  
2657 pursuant to this section.

2658 (7)

2659 (c) The treasurer of an electioneering communications  
2660 organization may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not  
2661 limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to  
2662 file on the designated due date, and may request and shall be  
2663 entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission,  
2664 which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in  
2665 part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the  
2666 mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in s.  
2667 106.265(3) ~~s. 106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a fine,  
2668 if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made within 20

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2669 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case,  
2670 the treasurer of the electioneering communications organization  
2671 shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in  
2672 writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the  
2673 commission.

2674 Section 48. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
2675 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2676 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

2677 (2)

2678 (b) A candidate for statewide office may not accept  
2679 contributions from national, state, or county executive  
2680 committees of a political party, including any subordinate  
2681 committee of the political party, or affiliated party  
2682 committees, which contributions in the aggregate exceed  
2683 \$250,000. Polling services, research services, costs for  
2684 campaign staff, professional consulting services, ~~and~~ telephone  
2685 calls, and text messages are not contributions to be counted  
2686 toward the contribution limits of paragraph (a) or this  
2687 paragraph. Any item not expressly identified in this paragraph  
2688 as nonallocable is a contribution in an amount equal to the fair  
2689 market value of the item and must be counted as allocable toward  
2690 the contribution limits of paragraph (a) or this paragraph.  
2691 Nonallocable, in-kind contributions must be reported by the  
2692 candidate under s. 106.07 and by the political party or  
2693 affiliated party committee under s. 106.29.

2694 Section 49. Section 106.1436, Florida Statutes, is created  
2695 to read:

2696 106.1436 Voter guide; disclaimers; violations.—

2697 (1) As used in this section, the term "voter guide" means

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2698 direct mail that is either an electioneering communication or a  
2699 political advertisement sent for the purpose of advocating for  
2700 or endorsing particular issues or candidates by recommending  
2701 specific electoral choices to the voter or by indicating issue  
2702 or candidate selections on an unofficial ballot. The term does  
2703 not apply to direct mail or publications made by governmental  
2704 entities or government officials in their official capacity.

2705 (2) A person may not, directly or indirectly, represent  
2706 that a voter guide is an official publication of a political  
2707 party unless such person is given written permission pursuant to  
2708 s. 103.081.

2709 (3) A voter guide circulated before, or on the day of, an  
2710 election must, in bold font with a font size of at least 12  
2711 point, prominently:

2712 (a) Display the following disclaimer at the top of the  
2713 first page of the voter guide:

2714 1. If the voter guide is an electioneering communication,  
2715 the disclaimer required under s. 106.1439; or

2716 2. If the voter guide is a political advertisement, the  
2717 disclaimer required under s. 106.143.

2718 (b) Be marked "Voter Guide" with such text appearing  
2719 immediately below the disclaimer required in paragraph (a).

2720 (4) (a) In addition to any other penalties provided by law,  
2721 a person who fails to comply with this section commits a  
2722 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
2723 775.082 or by a fine of not less than \$25 for each individual  
2724 voter guide distributed.

2725 (b) Any fine imposed pursuant to paragraph (a) may not  
2726 exceed \$2,500 in the aggregate in any calendar month.

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2727 Section 50. Present subsections (2) through (6) of section  
2728 106.265, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)  
2729 through (7), respectively, subsection (1) of that section is  
2730 amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to  
2731 read:

2732 106.265 Civil penalties.—

2733 (1) (a) The commission or, in cases referred to the Division  
2734 of Administrative Hearings pursuant to s. 106.25(5), the  
2735 administrative law judge is authorized upon the finding of a  
2736 violation of this chapter or chapter 104 to impose civil  
2737 penalties in the form of fines not to exceed \$2,500 ~~\$1,000~~ per  
2738 count. The fine may be multiplied by a factor of 3, not to  
2739 exceed \$7,500, for each subsequent count of the same category,  
2740 beginning with the fourth offense. ~~, or,~~

2741 (b) If applicable, the commission or the administrative law  
2742 judge may instead ~~to~~ impose a civil penalty as provided in s.  
2743 104.271 or s. 106.19.

2744 (2) A fine imposed against a political committee jointly  
2745 and severally attaches to the chair of the political committee  
2746 if the political committee does not pay the fine within 30 days.

2747 Section 51. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section  
2748 322.142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2749 322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.—

2750 (4) The department may maintain a film negative or print  
2751 file. The department shall maintain a record of the digital  
2752 image and signature of the licensees, together with other data  
2753 required by the department for identification and retrieval.  
2754 Reproductions from the file or digital record are exempt from  
2755 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and may be made and issued only:

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2756           (e) To the Department of State or a supervisor of elections  
2757 pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate  
2758 determinations of eligibility of voter registration applicants  
2759 and registered voters in accordance with ss. 98.045 and 98.075;  
2760           Section 52. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
2761 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
2762 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
2763 2023.