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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Porras offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 567 and 568, insert:

6 Section 7. Section 720.317, Florida Statutes, is amended 7 to read:

720.317 Electronic voting.-

9 (1) The association may conduct elections and other 10 membership votes through an Internet-based online voting system if a member consents, electronically or in writing, to online 11 voting and if the following requirements are met: 12

13 (a) (1) The association provides each member with: 14 1.(a) A method to authenticate the member's identity to 15 the online voting system.

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16 <u>2.(b)</u> A method to confirm, at least 14 days before the 17 voting deadline, that the member's electronic device can 18 successfully communicate with the online voting system.

19 <u>3.(c)</u> A method that is consistent with the election and 20 voting procedures in the association's bylaws.

21 (b)-(2) The association uses an online voting system that 22 is:

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1.(a) Able to authenticate the member's identity.

24 <u>2.(b)</u> Able to authenticate the validity of each electronic
25 vote to ensure that the vote is not altered in transit.

26 <u>3.(c)</u> Able to transmit a receipt from the online voting
 27 system to each member who casts an electronic vote.

<u>4.(d)</u> Able to permanently separate any authentication or
identifying information from the electronic election ballot,
rendering it impossible to tie an election ballot to a specific
member. This paragraph only applies if the association's bylaws
provide for secret ballots for the election of directors.

33 <u>5.(e)</u> Able to store and keep electronic ballots accessible 34 to election officials for recount, inspection, and review 35 purposes.

36 <u>(2)(3)</u> A member voting electronically pursuant to this 37 section shall be counted as being in attendance at the meeting 38 for purposes of determining a quorum.

39 <u>(3)</u> (4) This section applies to an association that 40 provides for and authorizes an online voting system pursuant to 110991 - h1243-line567.docx

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41 this section by a board resolution. The board resolution must 42 provide that members receive notice of the opportunity to vote 43 through an online voting system, must establish reasonable procedures and deadlines for members to consent, electronically 44 45 or in writing, to online voting, and must establish reasonable 46 procedures and deadlines for members to opt out of online voting 47 after giving consent. Written notice of a meeting at which the board resolution regarding online voting will be considered must 48 49 be mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted to the unit 50 owners and posted conspicuously on the condominium property or association property at least 14 days before the meeting. 51 Evidence of compliance with the 14-day notice requirement must 52 53 be made by an affidavit executed by the person providing the 54 notice and filed with the official records of the association.

55 (4) (5) A member's consent to online voting is valid until 56 the member opts out of online voting pursuant to the procedures 57 established by the board of administration pursuant to 58 subsection (3) (4).

59 <u>(5)(6)</u> This section may apply to any matter that requires 60 a vote of the members.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

64 Remove line 48 and insert:

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65	cross-reference; amending s. 720.317, F.S.; providing
66	that a homeowner may consent to online voting
67	electronically, as well as in writing, and that
68	association boards must establish reasonable
69	procedures for giving such consent; providing an
70	effective date.

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