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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Martin) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 30 - 128

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

(5)

(b) An applicant who fails to designate party affiliation must be registered without party affiliation, except that the



11 party affiliation of an applicant who is updating a voter
12 registration record may not be changed unless the applicant
13 designates and consents in writing to a change in party
14 affiliation. The supervisor must notify the voter by mail that
15 the voter has been registered without party affiliation and that
16 the voter may change party affiliation as provided in s.
17 97.1031.

18 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 97.057,
19 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (14) is added to
20 that section, to read:

21 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
22 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

23 (2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
24 shall:

25 (a) Notify each individual, orally or in writing, that:

26 1. Information gathered for the completion of a driver
27 license or identification card application, renewal, or change
28 of address can be automatically transferred to a voter
29 registration application;

30 2. If additional information and a signature are provided,
31 the voter registration application will be completed and sent to
32 the proper election authority;

33 3. Information provided can also be used to update a voter
34 registration record, except that party affiliation will not be
35 changed unless the individual designates a change in party
36 affiliation and separately consents to such change in writing;

37 4. All declinations will remain confidential and may be
38 used only for voter registration purposes; and

39 5. The particular driver license office in which the person



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40 applies to register to vote or updates a voter registration
41 record will remain confidential and may be used only for voter
42 registration purposes.

43 (b) Require a driver license examiner to inquire orally or,
44 if the applicant is hearing impaired, inquire in writing whether
45 the applicant wishes to register to vote or update a voter
46 registration record during the completion of a driver license or
47 identification card application, renewal, or change of address.

48 1. If the applicant chooses to register to vote or to
49 update a voter registration record:

50 a. All applicable information received by the Department of
51 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the course of filling out
52 the forms necessary under subsection (1) must be transferred to
53 a voter registration application.

54 b. The additional necessary information must be obtained by
55 the driver license examiner and must not duplicate any
56 information already obtained while completing the forms required
57 under subsection (1).

58 c. A voter registration application with all of the
59 applicant's voter registration information required to establish
60 the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 must be
61 presented to the applicant to review and verify the voter
62 registration information received and provide an electronic
63 signature affirming the accuracy of the information provided.

64 d. The voter registration application may not be used to
65 change the party affiliation of the applicant unless the
66 applicant designates a change in party affiliation and provides
67 a separate signature consenting to the party affiliation change.

68 e. After verifying the voter registration information and



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69 providing his or her electronic signature, the applicant must be
70 provided with a printed receipt that includes such information
71 and documents any change in party affiliation.

72 2. If the applicant declines to register to vote, update
73 the applicant's voter registration record, or change the
74 applicant's address by either orally declining or by failing to
75 sign the voter registration application, the Department of
76 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must note such declination on
77 its records and shall forward the declination to the statewide
78 voter registration system.

79 (6) A person providing voter registration services for a
80 driver license office may not:

81 (a) Make any change to an applicant's party affiliation
82 unless the applicant provides a separate signature

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

85 And the title is amended as follows:

86 Delete lines 3 - 12

87 and insert:

88 amending s. 97.053, F.S.; providing an exception to a
89 requirement that certain voter registration applicants
90 must be registered without party affiliation; amending
91 s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway
92 Safety and Motor Vehicles to notify certain
93 individuals of certain information;