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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
 2 Representative Gossett-Seidman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause 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 party affiliation of an applicant who is updating a voter registration record may not be changed unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to a change in party affiliation. The supervisor must notify the voter by mail that the voter has been registered without party affiliation and that

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17 the voter may change party affiliation as provided in s.
18 97.1031.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 5. The particular driver license office in which the
41 person applies to register to vote or updates a voter

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42 registration record will remain confidential and may be used
43 only for voter registration purposes.

44 (b) Require a driver license examiner to inquire orally
45 or, if the applicant is hearing impaired, inquire in writing
46 whether the applicant is registered to vote, is not registered
47 to vote, does not know if he or she is registered to vote, or
48 does not wish to disclose whether he or she is registered to
49 vote. If the applicant is not or does not know whether he or she
50 is registered to vote, the driver license examiner shall inquire
51 whether the applicant wishes to register to vote and, if the
52 applicant is registered to vote, the driver license examiner
53 shall inquire whether the applicant wishes to ~~register to vote~~
54 ~~or~~ update a voter registration record during the completion of a
55 driver license or identification card application, renewal, or
56 change of address.

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

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

63 b. The additional necessary information must be obtained
64 by the driver license examiner and must not duplicate any
65 information already obtained while completing the forms required
66 under subsection (1).

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67 c. A voter registration application with all of the
68 applicant's voter registration information required to establish
69 the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 must be
70 presented to the applicant to review and verify the voter
71 registration information received and provide an electronic
72 signature affirming the accuracy of the information provided.

73 d. The voter registration application may not be used to
74 change the party affiliation of the applicant unless the
75 applicant designates a change in party affiliation and provides
76 a separate signature consenting to the party affiliation change.

77 e. After verifying the voter registration information and
78 providing his or her electronic signature, the applicant must be
79 provided with a printed receipt that includes such information
80 and documents any change in party affiliation.

81 2. If the applicant declines to register to vote, update
82 the applicant's voter registration record, or change the
83 applicant's address by either orally declining or choosing not
84 to disclose the applicant's voter registration status or by
85 failing to sign the voter registration application, the
86 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must note such
87 declination on its records and shall forward the declination to
88 the statewide voter registration system.

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

91 (a) Make any change to an applicant's party affiliation

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92 unless the applicant provides a separate signature consenting to
93 the party affiliation change or discuss or seek to influence an
94 applicant's political preference or party registration;

95 (14) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
96 shall ensure that information technology processes and updates
97 do not alter an applicant's party affiliation without the
98 written consent of the applicant.

99 Section 3. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
100 Vehicles must be in full compliance with this act within 3
101 months after this act becomes a law.

102 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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105 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

106 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
107 An act relating to voter registration applications; amending s.
108 97.053, F.S.; providing an exception to a requirement that
109 certain voter registration applicants must be registered without
110 party affiliation; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the
111 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to notify
112 certain individuals of certain information; requiring a driver
113 license examiner to make specified inquiries; prohibiting the
114 department from changing the party affiliation of an applicant
115 except in certain circumstances; requiring the department to
116 provide an applicant with a certain receipt; revising the

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117 | methods by which an applicant may decline to register to vote or
118 | update certain voter registration information; prohibiting a
119 | person providing voter registration services for a driver
120 | license office from taking certain actions; requiring the
121 | department to ensure that information technology processes and
122 | updates do not alter certain information without written
123 | consent; requiring the department to be in full compliance with
124 | this act within a certain period; providing an effective date.