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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to ballot boxes; amending s. 101.24, 3 F.S.; requiring a law enforcement officer to transport ballot boxes or ballot transfer containers from a 4 5 supervisor of elections to a precinct; requiring that 6 all ballot boxes and ballot transfer containers be 7 supervised by a law enforcement officer at all times; 8 amending s. 102.071, F.S.; requiring all ballot boxes, 9 ballots, ballot stubs, memoranda, and papers to be transported by a law enforcement officer; making 10 11 technical changes; amending s. 102.101, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 12 13 providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 Section 101.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to 17 Section 1. 18 read: 101.24 Ballot boxes and ballots.-19 20 The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each (1) 21 polling place one ballot box of sufficient size to contain all 22 the ballots of the particular precinct, and the ballot box shall be plainly marked with the name of the precinct for which it is 23 24 intended. An additional ballot box, if necessary, may be supplied to any precinct. Before each election, the supervisor 25 Page 1 of 3

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26 shall place in the ballot box or ballot transfer container as 27 many ballots as are required in s. 101.21. After securely 28 sealing the ballot box or ballot transfer container, the 29 supervisor shall send the ballot box or ballot transfer 30 container to the clerk or inspector of election of the precinct in which it is to be used. A law enforcement officer shall 31 32 transport the ballot box or ballot transfer container from the supervisor to the precinct. The clerk or inspector shall be 33 34 placed under oath or affirmation to perform his or her duties 35 faithfully and without favor or prejudice to any political 36 party.

37 (2) A ballot box or ballot transfer container must be
38 under the supervision of a law enforcement officer at all times
39 during an election until such ballot box or ballot transfer
40 container has been transported to the supervisor.

41 Section 2. Section 102.071, Florida Statutes, is amended 42 to read:

43 102.071 Tabulation of votes and proclamation of results.-44 The election board shall post at the polls, for the benefit of 45 the public, the results of the voting for each office or other 46 item on the ballot as the count is completed. Upon completion of all counts in all races, a certificate of the results must shall 47 48 be drawn up by the inspectors and clerk at each precinct upon a 49 form provided by the supervisor of elections which must shall contain the name of each person voted for, for each office, and 50

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51 the number of votes cast for each person for such office; and, 52 if any question is submitted, the certificate must shall also 53 contain the number of votes cast for and against the question. 54 The certificate must shall be signed by the inspectors and clerk 55 and must shall be delivered without delay by one of the 56 inspectors, securely sealed, to the supervisor for immediate 57 publication. All the ballot boxes, ballots, ballot stubs, memoranda, and papers of all kinds used in the election must 58 59 shall also be transported transmitted, after being sealed by the inspectors, to the supervisor's office by a law enforcement 60 61 officer. Registration books and the poll lists may shall not be placed in the ballot boxes but must shall be returned to the 62 63 supervisor.

64 Section 3. Section 102.101, Florida Statutes, is amended 65 to read:

66 102.101 Sheriff and other officers not allowed in polling 67 place.-Except as provided in ss. 101.24 and 102.071, a sheriff, 68 a deputy sheriff, a police officer, a special officer appointed 69 pursuant to s. 102.091, or any other officer of the law is not 70 allowed within a polling place without permission from the clerk or a majority of the inspectors, except to cast his or her 71 ballot. Upon the failure of any such officer to comply with this 72 73 section, the clerk or the inspectors must make an affidavit 74 against the officer for his or her arrest.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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