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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Cross offered the following:

**Amendment to Amendment (476344)**

Remove lines 80-979 of the amendment and insert:  
delivers, or otherwise physically possesses no more than 50  
signed petition forms in addition to his or her own signed  
petition form or a signed petition form belonging to the  
person's spouse, or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild,  
or sibling of the person or the person's spouse.

**Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (4) of  
section 99.097, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (b)  
of subsection (1) of that section is reenacted, to read:**

99.097 Verification of signatures on petitions.—

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(1)

(b) Rules and guidelines for petition verification shall be adopted by the Department of State. Rules and guidelines for a random sample method of verification may include a requirement that petitions bear an additional number of names and signatures, not to exceed 15 percent of the names and signatures otherwise required. If the petitions do not meet such criteria or if the petitions are prescribed by s. 100.371, the use of the random sample method of verification is not available to supervisors.

(4) (a) The supervisor must be paid in advance the sum of 10 cents for each signature checked or the actual cost of checking such signature, whichever is less, by the candidate or, in the case of a petition to have a local issue placed on the ballot, by the person or organization submitting the petition. In the case of a petition to place a statewide issue on the ballot, the person or organization submitting the petition must pay the supervisor in advance the cost posted by the supervisor pursuant to s. 100.371(14) ~~s. 100.371(11) for the actual cost of checking signatures to place a statewide issue on the ballot.~~

(d) Except as provided in s. 100.371(14) (d), petitions must be retained by the supervisors for a period of 1 year following the election for which the petitions were circulated.

**Section 6. Section 100.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

(1) (a) Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative shall be placed on the ballot for the general election, provided the initiative petition has been filed with the Secretary of State no later than February 1 of the year the general election is held. A petition shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State upon the date the secretary determines that valid and verified petition forms have been signed by the constitutionally required number and distribution of voters ~~electors~~ under this code.

(b) A sponsor of an initiative petition must obtain, at least every third election cycle, a letter pursuant to s. 15.21(1)(c). Failure to obtain such letter results in expiration of the initiative petition's signatures and disbanding of the sponsor's political committee.

(c) Initiative petition signatures expire and the sponsor's political committee is disbanded if a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative submitted to the Secretary of State before February 1, 2022, fails to obtain a letter pursuant to s. 15.21(1)(c) on or before February 1, 2026. This paragraph does not preclude such a sponsor from refiling the proposed amendment as a new petition.

(2) The sponsor of an initiative amendment may not sponsor more than one amendment and must ~~shall~~, before circulating any petition forms ~~prior to obtaining any signatures~~, register as a

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political committee pursuant to s. 106.03 and submit the ballot title, ballot summary, article and section of the State Constitution being amended, and full text of the proposed amendment to the Secretary of State. The proposed amendment and all forms filed in connection with this section must, upon request, be made available in alternative formats, ~~with the form on which the signatures will be affixed, and shall obtain the approval of the Secretary of State of such form.~~ Upon receipt, the Secretary of State shall assign the initiative petition a petition number and submit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference for review, analysis, and estimation of the financial impact of the proposed amendment. After the review by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference, the division shall publish the forms with the information provided for in subsection (3) and on which signatures for the initiative petition will be affixed ~~The Secretary of State shall adopt rules pursuant to s. 120.54 prescribing the style and requirements of such form. Upon filing with the Secretary of State, the text of the proposed amendment and all forms filed in connection with this section must, upon request, be made available in alternative formats.~~

(3) (a) Beginning July 1, 2025, the petition form must prominently display all of the following:

1. The petition number.
2. The ballot title.

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89       3. The ballot summary.

90       4. A notice that the form becomes a public record upon  
91 receipt by the supervisor.

92       5. A notice that it is a misdemeanor of the first degree  
93 to knowingly sign the petition more than once.

94       6. A notice that the form will not be validated if all of  
95 the requested information is not completed.

96       7. For a proposed amendment submitted to the Secretary of  
97 State after the effective date of this act, the financial impact  
98 statement.

99       (b) The petition form must also include all of the  
100 following:

101       1. The full text of the proposed amendment.

102       2. The name and address of the sponsor.

103       3. The date received by the Secretary of State.

104       4. A bar code or serial number associated with the  
105 initiative petition.

106       (c) The petition form must solicit and require all of the  
107 following information:

108       1. The full name of the voter.

109       2. The voter's address and county of legal residence.

110       3. The voter's Florida voter registration number or date  
111 of birth.

112       4. The voter's Florida driver license number or the  
113 voter's Florida identification card number issued pursuant to s.

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114 322.051, or the last four digits of the voter's social security  
115 number.

116 5. An attestation that the voter is a registered Florida  
117 voter and is petitioning the Secretary of State to place the  
118 proposed amendment on the ballot.

119 6. The voter's signature and the date on which the voter  
120 signed the form.

121 (d) A petition form distributed by a petition circulator  
122 must also include all of the following:

123 1. The Petition Circulator's Affidavit with the  
124 circulator's name, permanent address, and petition circulator  
125 number or barcode.

126 2. The following statement, which must be signed and dated  
127 by the circulator:

128  
129 By my signature below, as petition circulator, I  
130 verify that the petition was completed and signed by  
131 the voter in my presence. Under penalty of perjury, I  
132 declare that I have read the foregoing Petition  
133 Circulator's Affidavit, and that the facts stated in  
134 it are true, and that if I was paid to circulate or  
135 collect this petition, payment was not on a per  
136 signature basis.  
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138       (e) A petition form distributed by a person other than a  
139 petition circulator must also include, in lieu of the Petition  
140 Circulator's Affidavit, the following notice:

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142       This form is for PERSONAL USE only. Unless registered  
143 as a petition circulator, it is a third degree felony  
144 to collect, deliver, or otherwise physically possess  
145 more than 50 signed petition forms in addition to your  
146 own or those of immediate family members.

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148       (f) The petition form must be in a type not less than 10  
149 points, except for the full text of the proposed amendment,  
150 which may be in a type not less than 6 points if 10-point type  
151 would cause the length of the petition form to exceed one page  
152 front and back.

153       (4) (a) Beginning July 1, 2025, unless registered as a  
154 petition circulator with the Secretary of State and issued a  
155 petition circulator number, a person may not collect, deliver,  
156 or otherwise physically possess more than 50 signed petition  
157 forms in addition to his or her own signed petition form or a  
158 signed petition form belonging to an immediate family member.  
159 This paragraph may not be construed to prohibit a person from  
160 distributing petition forms designated for personal use as  
161 described in paragraph (3) (e). For the purposes of this  
162 subsection, the term "immediate family" means a person's spouse,

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163 or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the  
164 person or the person's spouse ~~signatures or initiative petitions~~  
165 ~~for compensation unless the person is registered as a petition~~  
166 ~~circulator with the Secretary of State.~~

167 (b) A person may not collect signatures or initiative  
168 petitions if he or she:

169 1. Has been convicted of a felony violation and has not  
170 had his or her right to vote restored.

171 2. Is not a citizen of the United States.

172 3. Is not a resident of this state.

173 ~~(b) A citizen may challenge a petition circulator's~~  
174 ~~registration under this section by filing a petition in circuit~~  
175 ~~court. If the court finds that the respondent is not a~~  
176 ~~registered petition circulator, the court may enjoin the~~  
177 ~~respondent from collecting signatures or initiative petitions~~  
178 ~~for compensation until she or he is lawfully registered.~~

179 (c)(4) An application for registration must be submitted  
180 in the format required by the Secretary of State and must  
181 include the following:

182 1.(a) The information required to be on the petition form  
183 under s. 101.161, including the ballot summary and title as  
184 received ~~approved~~ by the Secretary of State.

185 2.(b) The applicant's name, permanent address, temporary  
186 address, if applicable, ~~and~~ date of birth, Florida driver

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187 license or Florida identification card number, and the last four  
188 digits of his or her social security number.

189 3.(e) An address in this state at which the applicant will  
190 accept service of process related to disputes concerning the  
191 petition process, ~~if the applicant is not a resident of this~~  
192 ~~state.~~

193 4.(d) A statement that the applicant consents to the  
194 jurisdiction of the courts of this state in resolving disputes  
195 concerning the petition process.

196 5.(e) Any information required by the Secretary of State  
197 to verify the applicant's identity or address.

198 6. Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony  
199 violation and has not had his or her right to vote restored, by  
200 including the statement, "I affirm that I am not a convicted  
201 felon, or, if I am, my right to vote has been restored," and  
202 providing a box for the applicant to check to affirm the  
203 statement.

204 7. Whether the applicant is a citizen of the United  
205 States, by asking the question, "Are you a citizen of the United  
206 States of America?" and providing boxes for the applicant to  
207 check whether the applicant is or is not a citizen of the United  
208 States.

209 8. Whether the applicant is a Florida resident by asking  
210 the question, "Are you a resident of the state of Florida?" and

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providing boxes for the applicant to check whether the applicant is or is not a resident of the state of Florida.

9. The signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011, by which the applicant swears or affirms that the information contained in the application is true.

(d) A citizen may challenge a petition circulator's registration under this section by filing a petition in circuit court. If the court finds that the respondent is not a registered petition circulator, the court may enjoin the respondent from collecting signatures or initiative petitions until he or she is lawfully registered.

(e) The division may revoke a petition circulator's registration upon the written request of the sponsor of the initiative petition or if the circulator violates this section.

(f) A person may not register to collect signatures or initiative petitions until he or she has completed the training concerning the requirements for petition circulators. The training must be developed by the division and must be in an electronic format available on the division's public website. The training must, at a minimum, include the following:

1. An overview of the petition-gathering process.

2. An overview of the petition circulator registration requirements.

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235       3. An explanation that the sponsor of an initiative  
236 amendment serves as a fiduciary to each voter who signs a  
237 petition.

238       4. An explanation that the Florida Election Code prohibits  
239 compensation or provision of any benefit based on the number of  
240 petition forms gathered or the time within which a number of  
241 petition forms are gathered.

242       5. The specific criminal penalties to which a petition  
243 circulator may be subject for violating the Florida Election  
244 Code.

245       (g) The sponsor of the initiative amendment is liable for  
246 a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each person the sponsor  
247 knowingly allows to collect petition forms on behalf of the  
248 sponsor in violation of this subsection.

249       (5) A sponsor may not compensate a petition circulator  
250 based on the number of petition forms gathered or the time  
251 within which a number of petition forms are gathered. This  
252 prohibition includes, but is not limited to, paying a specified  
253 amount per petition form gathered, basing an hourly rate on the  
254 number of petition forms gathered over a specified period of  
255 time, or providing any other benefit or form of compensation  
256 based on the number of petition forms gathered. All petitions  
257 collected by a petition circulator must contain, in a format  
258 required by the Secretary of State, a completed Petition  
259 Circulator's Affidavit which includes:

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~~(a) The circulator's name and permanent address;~~

~~(b) The following statement, which must be signed by the  
circulator:~~

~~By my signature below, as petition circulator, I~~

~~verify that the petition was signed in my presence.~~

~~Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read~~

~~the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the~~

~~facts stated in it are true.~~

(6) The division ~~or the supervisor of elections~~ shall make  
~~hard copy petition forms or~~ electronic portable document format  
petition forms available to registered petition circulators. All  
such forms must contain information identifying the petition  
circulator to whom ~~which~~ the forms are provided. The division  
shall maintain a database of all registered petition circulators  
and the petition forms assigned to each. Each supervisor of  
elections shall provide to the division information on petition  
forms ~~assigned to and~~ received from petition circulators. The  
information must be provided in a format and at times as  
required by the division by rule. The division must update  
information on petition forms daily and make the information  
publicly available.

(7) (a) A sponsor that collects petition forms or uses a  
petition circulator to collect petition forms serves as a

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285 fiduciary to the voter elector signing the petition form and  
286 shall ensure, ~~ensuring~~ that any petition form entrusted to the  
287 sponsor or petition circulator ~~is~~ ~~shall be~~ promptly delivered to  
288 the supervisor of elections in the county in which the voter  
289 resides within 10 ~~30~~ days after the voter elector signs the  
290 form. If a petition form collected by the sponsor or any  
291 petition circulator is not promptly delivered to the supervisor  
292 of elections, the sponsor is liable for the following fines:

293 1. A fine in the amount of \$50 per each day late for each  
294 petition form received by the supervisor of elections in the  
295 county in which the voter resides more than 10 ~~30~~ days after the  
296 voter elector signed the petition form ~~or the next business day,~~  
297 ~~if the office is closed.~~ A fine in the amount of \$2,500 ~~\$250~~ for  
298 each petition form received if the sponsor or petition  
299 circulator acted willfully.

300 2. A fine in the amount of \$100 per each day late, up to a  
301 maximum of \$5,000, for each petition form collected by a sponsor  
302 or a petition circulator, signed by a voter on or before  
303 February 1 of the year the general election is held and received  
304 by the supervisor of elections in the county in which the voter  
305 resides after the deadline for such election. A fine in the  
306 amount of \$5,000 for each such petition form received if the  
307 sponsor or petition circulator acted willfully.

308 3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each petition form  
309 collected by a petition circulator which is not submitted to the

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310 supervisor of elections in the county in which the voter  
311 resides. A fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~ for any petition  
312 form not so submitted if the sponsor or petition circulator  
313 acting on its behalf acted willfully.

314 (b) A showing by the sponsor that the failure to deliver  
315 the petition form within the required timeframe is based upon  
316 force majeure or impossibility of performance is an affirmative  
317 defense to a violation of this subsection. The fines described  
318 in this subsection may be waived upon a showing that the failure  
319 to deliver the petition form promptly is based upon force  
320 majeure or impossibility of performance.

321 (8) If a person collecting petition forms on behalf of a  
322 sponsor of an initiative petition signs another person's name or  
323 a fictitious name to any petition, or fills in missing  
324 information on a signed petition, to secure a ballot position in  
325 violation of s. 104.185(2), the sponsor of the initiative  
326 petition is liable for a fine in the amount of \$5,000 for each  
327 such petition.

328 (9) If a person collecting petition forms on behalf of a  
329 sponsor of an initiative petition copies or retains a voter's  
330 personal information, such as the voter's Florida driver license  
331 number, Florida identification card number, social security  
332 number, or signature, for any reason other than to provide such  
333 information to the sponsor of the initiative petition, the

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334 person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
335 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

336 (10) A sponsor of an initiative petition or a person  
337 collecting petition forms on behalf of a sponsor of an  
338 initiative petition may not mail or otherwise provide a petition  
339 form upon which any information about a voter has been filled in  
340 before it is provided to the voter. The sponsor of an initiative  
341 petition is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50 for each  
342 petition form that is a violation of this subsection.

343 (11)(8) If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that  
344 a person or entity has committed a violation of this section,  
345 the secretary may refer the matter to the Attorney General for  
346 enforcement. The Attorney General may institute a civil action  
347 for a violation of this section or to prevent a violation of  
348 this section. An action for relief may include a permanent or  
349 temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other  
350 appropriate order. If the sponsor of an initiative petition  
351 discovers a violation of this section and reports the violation  
352 as soon as practicable to the secretary, the sponsor may not be  
353 finned for such violation.

354 (12)(9) The division shall adopt by rule a complaint form  
355 for a voter ~~an elector~~ who claims to have had his or her  
356 signature misrepresented, forged, or not delivered to the  
357 supervisor. The division shall also adopt rules to ensure the  
358 integrity of the petition form gathering process, including

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rules requiring sponsors to account for all petition forms used by their agents. Such rules may require a sponsor or petition circulator to provide identification information on each petition form as determined by the department as needed to assist in the accounting of petition forms.

(13) ~~(10)~~ The date on which a voter ~~an elector~~ signs a petition form is presumed to be the date on which the petition circulator received or collected the petition form.

(14) (a) ~~(11) (a)~~ An initiative petition form circulated for signature may not be bundled with or attached to any other petition. Each signature shall be dated when made and shall be valid until the next February 1 occurring in an even-numbered year for the purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot for the general election occurring in that same year, provided all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall submit signed and dated forms to the supervisor of elections for the county of residence listed by the person signing the form for verification of the number of valid signatures obtained.

(b) The supervisor shall record the date each submitted petition is received. If a signature on a petition is from a registered voter in another county, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ notify the petition sponsor and the division of the misfiled petition. The supervisor shall promptly verify the signatures within 60 days after receipt of the petition forms and payment and processing of a fee for the actual cost of signature

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verification incurred by the supervisor. However, for petition forms submitted less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year, the supervisor shall promptly verify the signatures within 30 days after receipt of the form and payment of the fee for signature verification.

(c) Beginning July 1, 2025, the supervisor shall promptly record, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, the date each form is received by the supervisor, and the date the signature on the form is verified as valid. The supervisor may verify that the signature on a form is valid only if:

1. The form contains the original signature of the purported voter ~~elector~~.

2. The purported voter ~~elector~~ has accurately recorded on the form the date on which he or she signed the form.

3. The form sets forth the purported voter's: ~~elector's~~

a. Full name; ~~and~~

b. Address and city, county of residence; ~~and~~

c. Voter registration number or date of birth; ~~and~~

d. Florida driver license or Florida identification card number issued pursuant to s. 322.051 or the last four digits of the voter's social security number.

4. The purported voter ~~elector~~ is, at the time he or she signs the form and at the time the form is verified, a duly qualified and registered voter ~~elector~~ in the state.

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408           5. The signature was obtained legally, including that if a  
409 ~~paid~~ petition circulator was used, the circulator was validly  
410 registered under subsection (4) ~~(3)~~ when the signature was  
411 obtained.

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413 ~~The supervisor shall retain all signature forms, separating~~  
414 ~~forms verified as valid from those deemed invalid, for at least~~  
415 ~~1 year following the election for which the petition was~~  
416 ~~circulated.~~

417           (d)1.(b) On the last day of each month, or on the last day  
418 of each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through  
419 February 1 of the following year, each supervisor shall  
420 electronically transmit all received petition forms to the  
421 division. The digital images of the scanned petition forms must  
422 be of high enough quality that division personnel are able to  
423 accurately discern elements contained in such forms. Forms must  
424 be identified as valid or as invalid.

425           2. Each supervisor shall retain all petition forms,  
426 identifying forms verified as valid from those deemed invalid,  
427 until all petition forms have been processed following the  
428 February 1 deadline. As soon as practicable following the  
429 processing of the last timely submitted petition form, but not  
430 later than March 15 following the February 1 deadline, the  
431 supervisor shall deliver the physical forms to the division. The

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division shall retain all petition forms for 1 year following the election for which the petition was circulated.

(e) Beginning October 1, 2025, when the signature on the petition form is verified as valid, the supervisor shall, as soon as practicable, notify the voter by mail at the mailing address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System.

1. Such notice must be sent by forwardable mail with a postage prepaid preaddressed form, which may be returned to the Office of Election Crimes and Security. The notice must include contact information for the Office of Election Crimes and Security, including the telephone number, fax number, mailing address, and e-mail address. The notice must include all of the following statements or information in substantially the following form:

NOTICE

A petition to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot for the next general election, bearing your name and signature, has been received and verified by the Supervisor of Elections Office in ... (insert county)....

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The petition is for ...(insert the petition serial  
number and ballot title)... and was signed on  
...(insert the date the voter signed the petition)....

Check this box ☐, sign, and return this notice to the  
Office of Election Crimes and Security if you believe  
your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a  
petition. The petition form in question will be  
invalidated and will not be counted toward the number  
of signatures required to place this proposed  
constitutional amendment on the ballot.

A notice being returned must be received by the Office  
of Election Crimes and Security on or before February  
1 ... (insert the year in which the general election  
is held)....

...(Insert the voter's Florida voter registration  
number, and if applicable, the petition circulator's  
number)....

By signing below, I swear or affirm that my signature  
was misrepresented or forged on the petition form  
indicated in this notice.

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...(Voter's Signature)... ...(Date)...

This notice becomes a public record upon receipt by the Office of Election Crimes and Security. It is a second degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, Florida Statutes, or s. 772.083, Florida Statutes, for a person to knowingly make a false official statement pursuant to s. 837.06, Florida Statutes.

2. Upon receiving a completed notice, the Office of Election Crimes and Security shall transmit a copy of such notices to the division. The division shall deem the voter's petition form invalid.

(f) Each supervisor shall post the actual cost of signature verification for petition forms received more than 60 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year and for petition forms received less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year on his or her website, and may increase such cost, as necessary, annually on March 1 ~~February 2 of each even-numbered year.~~ These costs include operating and personnel costs associated with comparing signatures, printing and all postage costs related to the verification notice required by paragraph (e), and transmitting petition forms to the division. The division shall also publish each county's current cost on its

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505 website. The division and each supervisor shall biennially  
506 review available technology aimed at reducing verification  
507 costs.

508 ~~(g)-(e)~~ On the last day of each month, or on the last day  
509 of each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through  
510 February 1 of the following year, each supervisor shall post on  
511 his or her website the total number of signatures submitted, the  
512 total number of invalid signatures, the total number of  
513 signatures processed, and the aggregate number of verified valid  
514 signatures and the distribution of such signatures by  
515 congressional district for each proposed amendment proposed by  
516 initiative, along with the following information specific to the  
517 reporting period: the total number of signed petition forms  
518 received, the total number of signatures verified, the  
519 distribution of verified valid signatures by congressional  
520 district, and the total number of verified petition forms  
521 forwarded to the Secretary of State. For any reporting period in  
522 which the percentage of petition forms deemed invalid by the  
523 supervisor exceeds a total of 25 percent of the petition forms  
524 received by the supervisor for that reporting period, the  
525 supervisor shall notify the Office of Election Crimes and  
526 Security. The Office of Election Crimes and Security shall  
527 conduct a preliminary investigation into the activities of the  
528 sponsor, one or more petition circulators, or a person  
529 collecting petition forms on behalf of a sponsor, to determine

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530 whether the invalidated petitions are a result of fraud or any  
531 other violation of this section. As authorized by ss. 97.012(15)  
532 and 97.022(1), the Office of Elections Crimes and Security may,  
533 if warranted, report findings to the statewide prosecutor or the  
534 state attorney for the judicial circuit in which the alleged  
535 violation occurred for prosecution.

536 (h) A signed petition form submitted by an ineligible or  
537 unregistered petition circulator must be invalidated and may not  
538 be counted toward the number of necessary signatures for  
539 placement on the ballot.

540 (15) ~~(12)~~ The Secretary of State shall determine from the  
541 signatures verified by the supervisors of elections the total  
542 number of verified valid signatures, less any signatures that  
543 were invalidated pursuant to subsection (14), and the  
544 distribution of such signatures by congressional districts, and  
545 the division shall post such information on its website at the  
546 same intervals specified in paragraph (14)(g) ~~(11)(e)~~. Upon a  
547 determination that the requisite number and distribution of  
548 valid signatures have been obtained, the secretary shall issue a  
549 certificate of ballot position for that proposed amendment and  
550 shall assign a designating number pursuant to s. 101.161. The  
551 secretary must rescind the certificate of ballot position if an  
552 advisory opinion issued by the Supreme Court pursuant to s.  
553 16.061(1) deems the initiative petition invalid.

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554        (16) (a) ~~(13) (a)~~ Upon receipt of a proposed revision or  
555        amendment from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the  
556        Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall contact the  
557        person identified as the sponsor to request an official list of  
558        all persons authorized to speak on behalf of the named sponsor  
559        and, if there is one, the sponsoring organization at meetings  
560        held by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. All other  
561        persons must be deemed interested parties or proponents or  
562        opponents of the initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating  
563        Conference shall provide an opportunity for any representative  
564        of the sponsor, interested parties, and proponents or opponents  
565        of the initiative to submit information and may solicit  
566        information or analysis from any other entities or agencies,  
567        including the Office of Economic and Demographic Research ~~At the~~  
568        ~~same time the Secretary of State submits an initiative petition~~  
569        ~~to the Attorney General pursuant to s. 15.21, the secretary~~  
570        ~~shall submit a copy of the initiative petition to the Financial~~  
571        ~~Impact Estimating Conference.~~

572        (b) Within 75 days after receipt of a proposed revision or  
573        amendment to the State Constitution by initiative petition from  
574        the Secretary of State, the Financial Impact Estimating  
575        Conference shall complete an analysis and financial impact  
576        statement to be placed on the ballot of the estimated increase  
577        or decrease in any revenues or costs to state or local  
578        governments and the overall impact to the state budget resulting

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579 from the proposed initiative. The 75-day time limit is tolled  
580 when the Legislature is in session. The Financial Impact  
581 Estimating Conference shall submit the financial impact  
582 statement to the ~~Attorney General and~~ Secretary of State. If the  
583 ~~initiative petition has been submitted to the Financial Impact~~  
584 ~~Estimating Conference but the validity of signatures has expired~~  
585 ~~and the initiative petition no longer qualifies for ballot~~  
586 ~~placement at the ensuing general election, the Secretary of~~  
587 ~~State must notify the Financial Impact Estimating Conference.~~  
588 The Financial Impact Estimating Conference does ~~is not required~~  
589 ~~to~~ complete an analysis and financial impact statement for an  
590 initiative petition ~~that fails to meet the requirements of~~  
591 ~~subsection (1) for placement on the ballot before the 75-day~~  
592 ~~time limit, including any tolling period, expires, the ballot~~  
593 ~~must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(e). The~~  
594 ~~initiative petition may be resubmitted to the Financial Impact~~  
595 ~~Estimating Conference if the initiative petition meets the~~  
596 ~~requisite criteria for a subsequent general election cycle. A~~  
597 ~~new Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall be established~~  
598 ~~at such time as the initiative petition again satisfies the~~  
599 ~~criteria in s. 15.21(1).~~

600 ~~(b) Immediately upon receipt of a proposed revision or~~  
601 ~~amendment from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the~~  
602 ~~Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall contact the~~  
603 ~~person identified as the sponsor to request an official list of~~

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~~all persons authorized to speak on behalf of the named sponsor and, if there is one, the sponsoring organization at meetings held by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. All other persons shall be deemed interested parties or proponents or opponents of the initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall provide an opportunity for any representatives of the sponsor, interested parties, proponents, or opponents of the initiative to submit information and may solicit information or analysis from any other entities or agencies, including the Office of Economic and Demographic Research.~~

(c) The Financial Impact Estimating Conference may be convened only by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, jointly. All meetings of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall be open to the public. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, jointly, shall be the sole judge for the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of this subsection.

1. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference is established to review, analyze, and estimate the financial impact of amendments to or revisions of the State Constitution proposed by initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall be composed ~~consist~~ of four principals: one person from the professional staff of the Executive Office of the Governor or from a state agency, designated by the Governor;

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the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, or his or her designee; one person from the professional staff of the Senate, designated by the President of the Senate; and one person from the professional staff of the House of Representatives, designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each principal shall have appropriate fiscal expertise in the subject matter of the initiative. A Financial Impact Estimating Conference may be appointed for each initiative.

2. Principals of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall reach a consensus or majority concurrence on a clear and unambiguous financial impact statement, no more than 150 words in length, and immediately submit the statement to the Attorney General. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Financial Impact Estimating Conference from setting forth a range of potential impacts in the financial impact statement. ~~Any financial impact statement that a court finds not to be in accordance with this section shall be remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference for redrafting. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall redraft the financial impact statement within 15 days.~~

~~3. If the Supreme Court has rejected the initial submission by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference and no redraft has been approved by the Supreme Court by 5 p.m. on the 75th day before the election, the following statement shall~~

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~~appear on the ballot: "The impact of this measure, if any, has not been determined at this time."~~

(d) The financial impact statement must be separately contained on the petition form and the ballot and be set forth after the ballot summary as required in s. 101.161(1).

1. If the financial impact statement projects a net negative impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(b).

2. If the financial impact statement projects a net positive impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(c).

3. If the financial impact statement estimates an indeterminate financial impact or if the members of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference are unable to agree on the statement required by this subsection, the ballot must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(d).

4. If the financial impact statement was not produced or if the Financial Impact Estimating Conference did not meet to produce the financial statement, the ballot must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(e).

~~(e)1. Any financial impact statement that the Supreme Court finds not to be in accordance with this subsection shall be remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference for redrafting, provided the court's advisory opinion is rendered at least 75 days before the election at which the~~

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~~question of ratifying the amendment will be presented. The~~  
Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall prepare and adopt a  
revised financial impact statement no later than 5 p.m. on the  
15th day after the date of the court's opinion. The sponsor of  
the initiative must refile the petition with the revised  
financial impact statement with the Secretary of State as a new  
petition.

~~2. If, by 5 p.m. on the 75th day before the election, the~~  
~~Supreme Court has not issued an advisory opinion on the initial~~  
~~financial impact statement prepared by the Financial Impact~~  
~~Estimating Conference for an initiative amendment that otherwise~~  
~~meets the legal requirements for ballot placement, the financial~~  
~~impact statement shall be deemed approved for placement on the~~  
~~ballot.~~

(f)3. In addition to the financial impact statement  
required by this subsection, the Financial Impact Estimating  
Conference shall draft an initiative financial information  
statement. The initiative financial information statement should  
describe in greater detail than the financial impact statement  
any projected increase or decrease in revenues or costs that the  
state or local governments would likely experience if the ballot  
measure were approved. If appropriate, the initiative financial  
information statement may include both estimated dollar amounts  
and a description placing the estimated dollar amounts into  
context. The initiative financial information statement must

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704 include both a summary of not more than 500 words and additional  
705 detailed information that includes the assumptions that were  
706 made to develop the financial impacts, workpapers, and any other  
707 information deemed relevant by the Financial Impact Estimating  
708 Conference.

709 (g)4. The Department of State shall have printed, and  
710 shall furnish to each supervisor of elections, a copy of the  
711 summary from the initiative financial information statements.  
712 The supervisors shall have the summary from the initiative  
713 financial information statements available at each polling place  
714 and at the main office of the supervisor of elections upon  
715 request.

716 (h)5. The Secretary of State and the Office of Economic  
717 and Demographic Research shall make available on the Internet  
718 each initiative financial information statement in its entirety.  
719 In addition, each supervisor of elections whose office has a  
720 website shall post the summary from each initiative financial  
721 information statement on the website. Each supervisor shall  
722 include a copy of each summary from the initiative financial  
723 information statements and the Internet addresses for the  
724 information statements on the Secretary of State's and the  
725 Office of Economic and Demographic Research's websites in the  
726 publication or mailing required by s. 101.20.

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727        ~~(17)-(14)~~ The Department of State may adopt rules in  
728 accordance with s. 120.54 to implement this section ~~carry out~~  
729 ~~the provisions of subsections (1)-(14).~~

730        ~~(18)-(15)~~ No provision of this code shall be deemed to  
731 prohibit a private person exercising lawful control over  
732 privately owned property, including property held open to the  
733 public for the purposes of a commercial enterprise, from  
734 excluding from such property persons seeking to engage in  
735 activity supporting or opposing initiative amendments.

736        **Section 7.** (1) By July 1, 2025, the Department of State  
737 shall update the forms as required by the amendments made to s.  
738 100.371(3), Florida Statutes, for any proposed amendments  
739 received before July 1, 2025.

740        (2) (a) By June 1, 2025, the Department of State shall make  
741 available a new petition circulator application to incorporate  
742 the amendments made to s. 100.371(4), Florida Statutes.

743        (b)1. Effective July 1, 2025, the registration of each  
744 petition circulator expires.

745        2. No later than 7 days after this section becomes law,  
746 the Department of State shall notify each petition circulator  
747 that his or her registration expires on July 1, 2025, and that  
748 he or she may reregister by completing a new application that  
749 will be available before the current registration expires.

750        (c) By June 1, 2025, the Department of State shall develop  
751 the training required by s. 100.371(4) (f), Florida Statutes.

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(3) No later than October 1, 2025, a supervisor of elections may increase the cost of signature verification pursuant to the amendments made to s. 100.371(14)(f), Florida Statutes. A supervisor shall post the cost of signature verification on his or her publicly available website as soon as such cost is determined.

**Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:**

101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

(1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other public measure is submitted to the vote of the people, a ballot summary of such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will indicate rejection. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public measure and the ballot title to appear on the ballot shall be embodied in the constitutional revision commission proposal, constitutional convention proposal, taxation and budget reform commission proposal, or enabling resolution or ordinance. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75 words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. In

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addition, for every constitutional amendment proposed by initiative, the ballot shall include, following the ballot summary, in the following order:

(a) A separate financial impact statement concerning the measure prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference in accordance with s. 100.371(16) ~~s. 100.371(13)~~.

(e) If the financial impact statement was not produced or if the Financial Impact Estimating Conference did not meet to produce the financial impact statement, the following statement in bold print:

THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT, IF ANY, HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

The ballot title shall consist of a caption, not exceeding 15 words in length, by which the measure is commonly referred to or spoken of. This subsection does not apply to constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution.

**Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

(2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 8 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 8 a.m. on the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and

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for each constitutional amendment. If a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a typographical error occurred in the official returns of the county, the correction of which could result in a change in the outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours, and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

**Section 10. Section 102.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

102.121 Elections Canvassing Commission to issue certificates.—The Elections Canvassing Commission shall make and sign separate certificates of the result of the election for federal officers, and state officers, and constitutional amendments, which certificates must ~~shall~~ be written and contain the total number of votes cast for and against each person for each office and the total number of votes cast for and against each constitutional amendment. The certificates, the one including the result of the election for presidential electors and representatives to Congress, and the other including the result of the election for state officers, shall be recorded in the Department of State in a book to be kept for that purpose.

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**Section 11. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 102.168, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

102.168 Contest of election.—

(1) Except as provided in s. 102.171, the certification of election or nomination of any person to office, or of the adoption of a constitutional amendment or the result on any question submitted by referendum, may be contested in the circuit court by any unsuccessful candidate for such office or nomination thereto or by any voter ~~elector~~ qualified to vote in the election related to such candidacy or constitutional amendment, or by any taxpayer, respectively.

(3) The complaint must ~~shall~~ set forth the grounds on which the contestant intends to establish his or her right to such office; or set aside the result of the election on a submitted referendum or constitutional amendment. The grounds for contesting an election or a constitutional amendment under this section are:

(a) Misconduct, fraud, or corruption on the part of any election official or any member of the canvassing board sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of the election.

(b) Ineligibility of the successful candidate for the nomination or office in dispute or of the proposed constitutional amendment for placement on the ballot.

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(c) Receipt of a number of illegal votes or rejection of a number of legal votes sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of the election.

(d) Proof that any voter ~~elector~~, election official, or canvassing board member was given or offered a bribe or reward in money, property, or any other thing of value for the purpose of procuring the successful candidate's nomination or election or determining the result on any question ~~submitted~~ by referendum or constitutional amendment.

(4) The canvassing board responsible for canvassing the election is an indispensable party defendant in county and local elections. The Elections Canvassing Commission is an indispensable party defendant in federal, state, and multicounty elections, in elections for constitutional amendments, and in elections for justice of the Supreme Court, judge of a district court of appeal, and judge of a circuit court. The successful candidate is an indispensable party to any action brought to contest the election or nomination of a candidate. The sponsor of a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition, identified pursuant to s. 100.371, is an indispensable party to any action brought to contest such election.

**Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 104.185, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

104.185 Petitions; knowingly signing more than once; signing another person's name or a fictitious name.—

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(2) A person who signs another person's name or a fictitious name to any petition, or who fills in missing information on a signed petition, to secure ballot position for a candidate, a minor political party, or an issue commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

**Section 13. Section 104.186, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

104.186 Initiative petitions; violations.—A person who compensates a petition circulator as defined in s. 97.021 based on the number of petition forms gathered, as prohibited by s. 100.371(5), commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. This section does not prohibit employment relationships that do not base payment on the number of signatures collected.

**Section 14. Section 104.187, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

104.187 Initiative petitions; registration.—A person who violates s. 100.371(4)(a) ~~s. 100.371(3)~~ commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

**Section 15. Effective July 1, 2025, section 104.188, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

104.188 Petition forms gathered from immediate family; violations.—

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900        (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "immediate  
901 family" means a person's spouse or the parent, child,  
902 grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the person or the  
903 person's spouse.

904        (2) A person who collects, delivers, or otherwise  
905 physically possesses more than 50 signed petition forms in  
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