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CHAMBER ACTION

SenateHouse

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Representative Harris offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (476344) (with title amendment)

Remove lines 569-828 of the amendment and insert:

(f) Beginning October 1, 2025, if the signature on a petition form is unable to be verified as valid, including if the form does not meet the requirements of paragraph (c), the supervisor must, as soon as practicable, notify the voter by mail at the mailing address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System, provided the form contains enough information to identify the voter. Such notice must be sent by forwardable mail. The notice must include contact information for the supervisor and the Office of Election Crimes and

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14 Security, including the telephone number, fax number, mailing
15 address, and e-mail address. The notice must include all of the
16 following statements or information, in substantially the
17 following form:

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19 NOTICE

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

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

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30 The signature on the petition form was unable to be
31 verified due to a deficiency on the form. If you
32 intended to sign the petition, please submit a new
33 petition form.

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35 Please notify the Office of Election Crimes and
36 Security if you believe your signature has been
37 misrepresented or forged on a petition.
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39 ...(Insert the voter's Florida voter registration
40 number and, if applicable, the petition circulator's
41 number)....

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43 (g) Each supervisor shall post the actual cost of
44 signature verification for petition forms received more than 60
45 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year and for petition
46 forms received less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-
47 numbered year on his or her website, and may increase such cost,
48 as necessary, annually on March 1 ~~February 2 of each even-~~
49 ~~numbered year.~~ These costs include operating and personnel costs
50 associated with comparing signatures, printing and all postage
51 costs related to the verification notice required by paragraph
52 (e), and transmitting petition forms to the division. The
53 division shall also publish each county's current cost on its
54 website. The division and each supervisor shall biennially
55 review available technology aimed at reducing verification
56 costs.

57 (h) ~~(e)~~ On the last day of each month, or on the last day
58 of each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through
59 February 1 of the following year, each supervisor shall post on
60 his or her website the total number of signatures submitted, the
61 total number of invalid signatures, the total number of
62 signatures processed, and the aggregate number of verified valid
63 signatures and the distribution of such signatures by

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64 congressional district for each proposed amendment proposed by
65 initiative, along with the following information specific to the
66 reporting period: the total number of signed petition forms
67 received, the total number of signatures verified, the
68 distribution of verified valid signatures by congressional
69 district, and the total number of verified petition forms
70 forwarded to the Secretary of State. For any reporting period in
71 which the percentage of petition forms deemed invalid by the
72 supervisor exceeds a total of 25 percent of the petition forms
73 received by the supervisor for that reporting period, the
74 supervisor shall notify the Office of Election Crimes and
75 Security. The Office of Election Crimes and Security shall
76 conduct a preliminary investigation into the activities of the
77 sponsor, one or more petition circulators, or a person
78 collecting petition forms on behalf of a sponsor, to determine
79 whether the invalidated petitions are a result of fraud or any
80 other violation of this section. As authorized by ss. 97.012(15)
81 and 97.022(1), the Office of Elections Crimes and Security may,
82 if warranted, report findings to the statewide prosecutor or the
83 state attorney for the judicial circuit in which the alleged
84 violation occurred for prosecution.

85 (i) A signed petition form submitted by an ineligible or
86 unregistered petition circulator must be invalidated and may not
87 be counted toward the number of necessary signatures for
88 placement on the ballot.

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89 (15) ~~(12)~~ The Secretary of State shall determine from the
90 signatures verified by the supervisors of elections the total
91 number of verified valid signatures, less any signatures that
92 were invalidated pursuant to subsection (14), and the
93 distribution of such signatures by congressional districts, and
94 the division shall post such information on its website at the
95 same intervals specified in paragraph (14) (h) ~~(11) (e)~~. Upon a
96 determination that the requisite number and distribution of
97 valid signatures have been obtained, the secretary shall issue a
98 certificate of ballot position for that proposed amendment and
99 shall assign a designating number pursuant to s. 101.161. The
100 secretary must rescind the certificate of ballot position if an
101 advisory opinion issued by the Supreme Court pursuant to s.
102 16.061(1) deems the initiative petition invalid.

103 (16) (a) ~~(13) (a)~~ Upon receipt of a proposed revision or
104 amendment from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the
105 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall contact the
106 person identified as the sponsor to request an official list of
107 all persons authorized to speak on behalf of the named sponsor
108 and, if there is one, the sponsoring organization at meetings
109 held by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. All other
110 persons must be deemed interested parties or proponents or
111 opponents of the initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating
112 Conference shall provide an opportunity for any representative
113 of the sponsor, interested parties, and proponents or opponents

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114 of the initiative to submit information and may solicit
115 information or analysis from any other entities or agencies,
116 including the Office of Economic and Demographic Research ~~At the~~
117 ~~same time the Secretary of State submits an initiative petition~~
118 ~~to the Attorney General pursuant to s. 15.21, the secretary~~
119 ~~shall submit a copy of the initiative petition to the Financial~~
120 ~~Impact Estimating Conference.~~

121 (b) Within 75 days after receipt of a proposed revision or
122 amendment to the State Constitution by initiative petition from
123 the Secretary of State, the Financial Impact Estimating
124 Conference shall complete an analysis and financial impact
125 statement to be placed on the ballot of the estimated increase
126 or decrease in any revenues or costs to state or local
127 governments and the overall impact to the state budget resulting
128 from the proposed initiative. The 75-day time limit is tolled
129 when the Legislature is in session. The Financial Impact
130 Estimating Conference shall submit the financial impact
131 statement to the ~~Attorney General and~~ Secretary of State. If the
132 ~~initiative petition has been submitted to the Financial Impact~~
133 ~~Estimating Conference but the validity of signatures has expired~~
134 ~~and the initiative petition no longer qualifies for ballot~~
135 ~~placement at the ensuing general election, the Secretary of~~
136 ~~State must notify the Financial Impact Estimating Conference.~~
137 The Financial Impact Estimating Conference does ~~is~~ not ~~required~~
138 ~~to~~ complete an analysis and financial impact statement for an

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139 ~~initiative petition that fails to meet the requirements of~~
140 ~~subsection (1) for placement on the ballot before the 75-day~~
141 ~~time limit, including any tolling period, expires, the ballot~~
142 ~~must include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(e). The~~
143 ~~initiative petition may be resubmitted to the Financial Impact~~
144 ~~Estimating Conference if the initiative petition meets the~~
145 ~~requisite criteria for a subsequent general election cycle. A~~
146 ~~new Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall be established~~
147 ~~at such time as the initiative petition again satisfies the~~
148 ~~criteria in s. 15.21(1).~~

149 ~~(b) Immediately upon receipt of a proposed revision or~~
150 ~~amendment from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the~~
151 ~~Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall contact the~~
152 ~~person identified as the sponsor to request an official list of~~
153 ~~all persons authorized to speak on behalf of the named sponsor~~
154 ~~and, if there is one, the sponsoring organization at meetings~~
155 ~~held by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. All other~~
156 ~~persons shall be deemed interested parties or proponents or~~
157 ~~opponents of the initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating~~
158 ~~Conference shall provide an opportunity for any representatives~~
159 ~~of the sponsor, interested parties, proponents, or opponents of~~
160 ~~the initiative to submit information and may solicit information~~
161 ~~or analysis from any other entities or agencies, including the~~
162 ~~Office of Economic and Demographic Research.~~

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

171 1. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference is
172 established to review, analyze, and estimate the financial
173 impact of amendments to or revisions of the State Constitution
174 proposed by initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating
175 Conference shall be composed ~~consist~~ of four principals: one
176 person from the professional staff of the Executive Office of
177 the Governor or from a state agency, designated by the Governor;
178 the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic
179 Research, or his or her designee; one person from the
180 professional staff of the Senate, designated by the President of
181 the Senate; and one person from the professional staff of the
182 House of Representatives, designated by the Speaker of the House
183 of Representatives. Each principal shall have appropriate fiscal
184 expertise in the subject matter of the initiative. A Financial
185 Impact Estimating Conference may be appointed for each
186 initiative.

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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 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).

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

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

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

223 ~~(e)4.~~ Any financial impact statement that the Supreme
224 Court finds not to be in accordance with this subsection shall
225 be remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
226 for redrafting, ~~provided the court's advisory opinion is~~
227 ~~rendered at least 75 days before the election at which the~~
228 ~~question of ratifying the amendment will be presented.~~ The
229 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall prepare and adopt a
230 revised financial impact statement no later than 5 p.m. on the
231 15th day after the date of the court's opinion. The sponsor of
232 the initiative must refile the petition with the revised
233 financial impact statement with the Secretary of State as a new
234 petition.

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

(g)~~4.~~ The Department of State shall have printed, and shall furnish to each supervisor of elections, a copy of the

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summary from the initiative financial information statements.
The supervisors shall have the summary from the initiative financial information statements available at each polling place and at the main office of the supervisor of elections upon request.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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)(g), Florida

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Remove line 1218 of the amendment and insert:
completed notice is received; requiring supervisors to
mail a notice to voters if their petition form cannot

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310 | be verified or does not meet certain requirements,
311 | beginning on a specified date; providing requirements
312 | for such notice; providing that

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