

By Senator Garcia

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.026,  
3       F.S.; requiring that certain instructions be  
4       prominently displayed on certain websites; amending s.  
5       97.052, F.S.; revising the information that the  
6       uniform statewide voter registration application must  
7       be designed to elicit from an applicant and must  
8       contain; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring the  
9       Department of State and supervisors of elections to  
10      verify certain information relating to citizenship  
11      status; providing that eligibility to vote must be  
12      verified in a certain manner; requiring a supervisor  
13      of elections to refer certain matters to the Office of  
14      Election Crimes and Security; amending s. 97.0535,  
15      F.S.; requiring certain voter registration applicants  
16      who have not previously voted in this state to provide  
17      certain identification before voting; revising which  
18      forms of identification may be accepted for a certain  
19      purpose; revising the list of persons who are exempt  
20      from certain identification requirements; requiring  
21      that certain persons currently residing outside the  
22      United States meet certain requirements; providing  
23      that certain identification may be submitted in a  
24      certain manner; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring  
25      the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
26      provide to certain individuals an opportunity to  
27      register to vote or update voter registration records;  
28      requiring the department to provide certain  
29      notification to certain individuals; requiring a voter

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30 registration applicant to provide a wet signature;  
31 requiring the department to offer certain  
32 opportunities to certain individuals; requiring the  
33 department to send voter registration applications or  
34 certain instructions to certain individuals; requiring  
35 the department to notify the Department of State of  
36 certain information; requiring the Department of  
37 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide certain  
38 weekly and by-query reports to the Department of State  
39 and supervisors of elections; requiring a supervisor  
40 of elections to remove certain persons from the  
41 statewide voter registration system; amending s.  
42 97.0575, F.S.; requiring a third-party voter  
43 registration organization to provide a certain  
44 affirmation to the Division of Elections; amending s.  
45 97.058, F.S.; requiring voter registration agencies to  
46 provide certain applicants the opportunity to register  
47 to vote or update their voter registration record at  
48 the time of certain applications; revising the list of  
49 questions certain voter registration agencies must  
50 include on a certain form; amending s. 97.0585, F.S.;  
51 providing that certain information is not exempt from  
52 public records requirements; amending s. 97.1031,  
53 F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to verify an  
54 elector's eligibility status using all available data  
55 sources in certain circumstances; amending s. 98.045,  
56 F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to use all  
57 available data sources to make a certain  
58 determination; providing that the receipt of certain

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59 information from the Department of Highway Safety and  
60 Motor Vehicles is considered a request from a voter  
61 for his or her removal from the statewide voter  
62 registration system; requiring the Department of State  
63 to include certain information in the database of  
64 valid residential street addresses; requiring the  
65 department to adopt rules; conforming a cross-  
66 reference; amending s. 98.065, F.S.; requiring a  
67 supervisor of elections to conduct certain bulk list  
68 maintenance at least quarterly; requiring a supervisor  
69 of elections to at least quarterly analyze the voter  
70 registration database for a certain purpose and to  
71 take certain actions; amending s. 98.075, F.S.;

72 requiring a supervisor of elections to remove certain  
73 names from the statewide voter registration system  
74 after certain verification using Department of Highway  
75 Safety and Motor Vehicles records; requiring a  
76 supervisor of elections to take certain actions upon  
77 receipt of, access to, or knowledge of certain  
78 information from a credible source; specifying, for  
79 the purpose of determining elector eligibility,  
80 credible sources of certain information; requiring a  
81 supervisor of elections to send an address  
82 confirmation and an address confirmation final notice  
83 in certain circumstances; amending s. 98.093, F.S.;

84 requiring state and local government agencies to  
85 facilitate the provision of certain information and  
86 data access to the Department of State and supervisors  
87 of elections; amending s. 98.255, F.S.; requiring the

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88 Department of State to adopt rules relating to a  
89 revised list of standards for nonpartisan voter  
90 education; requiring a county supervisor to provide  
91 certain education; amending s. 101.043, F.S.;  
92 requiring that an elector be allowed to vote a  
93 provisional ballot under specified conditions;  
94 amending s. 101.6921, F.S.; revising the items that  
95 are enclosed with each ballot sent by the supervisor  
96 of elections to voters; revising the voter's  
97 certificate to conform to changes made by the act;  
98 amending s. 101.6923, F.S.; revising the instructions  
99 sent to certain voters to conform to changes made by  
100 the act; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring  
101 applicants to present a social security card;  
102 requiring that the department note the type of social  
103 security card presented in the applicant's record;  
104 amending s. 322.14, F.S.; requiring that driver  
105 licenses include a certain denotation under specified  
106 conditions; amending s. 322.141, F.S.; requiring that  
107 Florida identification card include a certain  
108 denotation under specified conditions; providing an  
109 effective date.

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111 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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113 Section 1. Section 97.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
114 read:

115 97.026 Forms to be available in alternative formats and via  
116 the Internet.-

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117       (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that all forms  
118 required to be used in chapters 97-106 ~~shall~~ be made available  
119 upon request, in alternative formats. Such forms must ~~shall~~  
120 include vote-by-mail ballots if ~~as~~ alternative formats for such  
121 ballots become available and the Division of Elections is able  
122 to certify systems that provide them. Whenever possible, such  
123 forms, with the exception of vote-by-mail ballots, must ~~shall~~ be  
124 made available by the Department of State via the Internet.  
125 Sections that contain such forms include, but are not limited  
126 to, ss. 97.051, 97.052, 97.053, 97.057, 97.058, 97.0583, 97.071,  
127 97.073, 97.1031, 98.075, 99.021, 100.361, 100.371, 101.045,  
128 101.171, 101.20, 101.6103, 101.62, 101.64, 101.65, 101.657,  
129 105.031, 106.023, and 106.087.

130       (2) Instructions on how to cancel voter registration must  
131 be prominently displayed on any website that instructs voters on  
132 how to update their voter registration information.

133       Section 2. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
134 (f) of subsection (3) of section 97.052, Florida Statutes, are  
135 amended to read:

136       97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

137       (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
138 must be designed to elicit the following information from the  
139 applicant:

140       (n) Florida driver license number or the identification  
141 number from a Florida identification card issued under s.  
142 322.051, and the last four digits of the applicant's social  
143 security number.

144       (3) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
145 must also contain:

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146 (f) A statement informing an applicant who has not been  
147 issued a Florida driver license, a Florida identification card,  
148 or a social security number that, ~~if the application is~~  
149 ~~submitted by mail and the applicant is~~ registering for the first  
150 time in this state, the applicant will be required to provide  
151 identification before ~~prior to~~ voting the first time.

152 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 97.053, Florida  
153 Statutes, is amended to read:

154 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

155 (6) (a) A voter registration application, including an  
156 application with a change in name, address, or party  
157 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department  
158 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the driver  
159 license number, the Florida identification card number, or the  
160 last four digits of the social security number provided by the  
161 applicant.

162 1. If the voter registration applicant applies using a  
163 driver license or Florida identification card number, the  
164 department and the supervisor of elections must also verify that  
165 the driver license number or Florida identification card number  
166 was not obtained using non-United States citizen documentation  
167 and that the applicant is classified as a United States citizen  
168 in Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records. If  
169 the driver license was obtained using non-United States citizen  
170 documentation, every possible means must be used to determine  
171 whether the applicant became a naturalized citizen after  
172 obtaining his or her driver license. The department may not  
173 accept as valid a voter registration application if non-United  
174 States citizen status is indicated and must document the result

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175 of checks completed to confirm that none of the supplied  
176 credentials indicate non-United States citizen status.

177 2. If the voter registration applicant applies using the  
178 last four digits of his or her social security number, the  
179 department must use all possible means to verify citizenship  
180 status and the applicant is required to present his or her  
181 social security card before voting for the first time in this  
182 state. A voter who, at the polling place, presents a social  
183 security card that contains a work restriction must vote on a  
184 provisional ballot and provide proof of citizenship before his  
185 or her vote may be counted.

186 3. If the voter registration applicant applies without a  
187 driver license number, Florida identification card number, or  
188 social security number, all possible means must be used to  
189 verify citizenship status, including data from the courts, the  
190 Department of Corrections, the Department of Children and  
191 Families, or any other governmental agency that collects  
192 citizenship data. If there are no findings that indicate that  
193 the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application  
194 may be accepted as valid.

195 4. The voter registration applicant's eligibility to vote  
196 pursuant to s. 97.041 must be verified by comparing information  
197 from all available sources, including the department's records,  
198 to determine whether the applicant's driver license is currently  
199 classified by the department as a non-United States citizen  
200 license, a surrendered license of a person who moved out of  
201 state, or a license of a person who is deceased.

202 5. If a supervisor of elections determines that false  
203 affirmations have been knowingly made on a voter registration

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204 application, the matter must be referred to the Office of  
205 Election Crimes and Security.

206 (b) If a completed voter registration application has been  
207 received by the book-closing deadline but the driver license  
208 number, the Florida identification card number, or the last four  
209 digits of the social security number provided by the applicant  
210 cannot be verified, the applicant must ~~shall~~ be notified that  
211 the number cannot be verified and that the applicant must  
212 provide evidence to the supervisor sufficient to verify the  
213 authenticity of the applicant's driver license number, Florida  
214 identification card number, or last four digits of the social  
215 security number. If the applicant provides the necessary  
216 evidence, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ place the applicant's name  
217 on the registration rolls as an active voter. If the applicant  
218 has not provided the necessary evidence or the number has not  
219 otherwise been verified before ~~prior to~~ the applicant presents  
220 ~~presenting~~ himself or herself to vote, the applicant must ~~shall~~  
221 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot may  
222 ~~shall~~ be counted only if the number is verified by the end of  
223 the canvassing period or if the applicant presents evidence to  
224 the supervisor of elections sufficient to verify the  
225 authenticity of the applicant's driver license number, Florida  
226 identification card number, or last four digits of the social  
227 security number no later than 5 p.m. of the second day following  
228 the election.

229 Section 4. Section 97.0535, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
230 read:

231 97.0535 Special requirements for certain applicants.—

232 (1) Each applicant who registers by any method other than



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233 at an office of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
234 Vehicles ~~mail~~ and who has never previously voted in this ~~the~~  
235 state and who the department has verified has not been issued a  
236 current and valid Florida driver license or, ~~Florida~~  
237 identification card, ~~or social security number~~ shall be required  
238 to provide a copy of a current and valid identification, as  
239 provided in subsection (3), or indicate that he or she is exempt  
240 from the requirements before ~~prior to~~ voting. Such  
241 identification or indication may be provided at the time of  
242 registering, or at any time before ~~prior to~~ voting for the first  
243 time in the state. If the voter registration application clearly  
244 provides information from which a voter registration official  
245 can determine that the applicant meets at least one of the  
246 exemptions in subsection (4), the voter registration official  
247 must ~~shall~~ make the notation on the registration records of the  
248 statewide voter registration system and the applicant is ~~shall~~  
249 not ~~be~~ required to provide the identification required by this  
250 section.

251 (2) The voter registration official shall, upon accepting  
252 the voter registration application submitted pursuant to  
253 subsection (1), determine whether ~~if~~ the applicant provided the  
254 required identification at the time of registering. If the  
255 required identification was not provided, the supervisor must  
256 ~~shall~~ notify the applicant that he or she must provide one of  
257 the following forms of identification before ~~prior to~~ voting the  
258 first time in this ~~the~~ state.

259 (3) (a) The following forms of identification shall be  
260 considered current and valid if they ~~contain the name and~~  
261 ~~photograph of the applicant and~~ have not expired:

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- 262 1. United States passport.
- 263 2. United States birth certificate, accompanied by an  
264 acceptable form of identification that contains the name and  
265 photograph of the applicant.
- 266 3. United States naturalization papers, accompanied by an  
267 acceptable form of identification that contains the name and  
268 photograph of the applicant.
- 269 4. A consular report of birth abroad provided by the United  
270 States Department of State, accompanied by an acceptable form of  
271 identification that contains the name and photograph of the  
272 applicant.
- 273 5. A social security card that does not contain a work  
274 restriction, accompanied by an acceptable form of identification  
275 that contains the name and photograph of the applicant.
- 276 (b) Acceptable forms of identification for purposes of  
277 subparagraphs (a)1.-5. include the following:
- 278 1.2. Debit or credit card.
- 279 2.3. Military identification.
- 280 3.4. Student identification.
- 281 4.5. Retirement center identification.
- 282 6. ~~Neighborhood association identification.~~
- 283 5.7. Public assistance identification.
- 284 6.8. Veteran health identification card issued by the  
285 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 286 7.9. A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm  
287 issued pursuant to s. 790.06.
- 288 8.10. Employee identification card issued by any branch,  
289 department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the  
290 state, a county, or a municipality.

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291 ~~(c)(b)~~ The following forms of identification shall be  
292 considered proof of residential address ~~current and valid~~ if  
293 they are dated within the last 2 months and contain the name and  
294 current residence address of the applicant as provided in the  
295 voter registration application:

- 296 1. Utility bill.
- 297 2. Bank statement.
- 298 3. Government check.
- 299 4. Paycheck.
- 300 5. Other government document, ~~(excluding voter~~  
301 ~~identification card)~~.

302 (4) The following persons are exempt from the  
303 identification requirements of this section:

304 ~~(a) Persons 65 years of age or older.~~

305 ~~(a)(b)~~ Persons with a temporary or permanent physical  
306 disability, as documented by a doctor's note provided to a voter  
307 registration official.

308 ~~(b)(e)~~ Members of the uniformed service on active duty, as  
309 documented by a current military identification provided to a  
310 voter registration official, who, by reason of such active duty,  
311 are absent from the county on election day.

312 ~~(c)(d)~~ Members of the Merchant Marine, as documented by a  
313 current Merchant Marine identification provided to a voter  
314 registration official, who, by reason of service in the Merchant  
315 Marine, are absent from the county on election day.

316 ~~(d)(e)~~ The spouse or dependent of a member referred to in  
317 paragraph ~~(b)~~ ~~(e)~~ or paragraph ~~(c)~~, as documented by a uniformed  
318 services dependent identification, ~~(d)~~ who, by reason of the  
319 active duty or service of the member, is absent from the county

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320 on election day.

321 (5)(f) A person ~~Persons~~ currently residing outside the  
 322 United States who is are eligible to vote in Florida and who is  
 323 not exempt from the identification requirements of this section  
 324 under subsection (4) must meet the requirements of subsection  
 325 (3) except that he or she may provide one of the following items  
 326 in lieu of a document listed in paragraph (3)(c):

327 (a) A document listed in paragraph (3)(c) which is not  
 328 current, accompanied by an equivalent document providing his or  
 329 her residential address outside the United States.

330 (b) A consular report of birth abroad provided by the  
 331 United States Department of State, accompanied by proof that his  
 332 or her parents previously resided in this state.

333 (6) Identification required under this section may be  
 334 submitted in the same manner as provided in s. 101.68(4)(d).

335 Section 5. Present subsections (3) through (5) and (6)  
 336 through (13) of section 97.057, Florida Statutes, are  
 337 redesignated as subsections (4) through (6) and (8) through  
 338 (15), respectively, subsections (1) and (2) and present  
 339 subsections (5) and (10) are amended, and new subsections (3)  
 340 and (7) and subsections (16) and (17) are added to that section,  
 341 to read:

342 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
 343 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

344 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
 345 shall provide the opportunity to register to vote or to update a  
 346 voter registration record to each individual classified in  
 347 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records as a  
 348 United States citizen who comes to an office of the Department

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349 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles ~~that department~~ to:

350 (a) Apply for or renew a driver license;

351 (b) Apply for or renew an identification card pursuant to  
352 chapter 322; or

353 (c) Change an address on an existing driver license or  
354 identification card.

355 (2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
356 shall:

357 (a) Notify each individual who is classified in Department  
358 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records as a United States  
359 citizen, orally or in writing, that:

360 1. Information gathered for the completion of a driver  
361 license or identification card application, renewal, or change  
362 of address can be automatically transferred to a voter  
363 registration application;

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

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

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

373 5. The particular driver license office in which the person  
374 applies to register to vote or updates a voter registration  
375 record will remain confidential and may be used only for voter  
376 registration purposes.

377 (b) Require a driver license examiner to inquire orally or,

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378 if the applicant is hearing impaired, inquire in writing whether  
379 the applicant wishes to register to vote or update a voter  
380 registration record during the completion of a driver license or  
381 identification card application, renewal, or change of address.

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

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

388 b. The additional necessary information must be obtained by  
389 the driver license examiner and must not duplicate any  
390 information already obtained while completing the forms required  
391 under subsection (1).

392 c. A voter registration application with all of the  
393 applicant's voter registration information required to establish  
394 the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 must be  
395 presented to the applicant to review and verify the voter  
396 registration information received and to provide a wet signature  
397 and an electronic signature affirming the accuracy of the  
398 information provided.

399 d. The voter registration application may not be used to  
400 change the party affiliation of the applicant unless the  
401 applicant designates a change in party affiliation and provides  
402 a separate signature consenting to the party affiliation change.

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

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407           2. If the applicant declines to register to vote, update  
408 the applicant's voter registration record, or change the  
409 applicant's address by either orally declining or by failing to  
410 sign the voter registration application, the Department of  
411 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must note such declination on  
412 its records and shall forward the declination to the statewide  
413 voter registration system.

414           (3) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
415 shall offer an individual identified as not being a United  
416 States citizen the opportunity to update his or her driver  
417 license classification upon becoming a United States citizen.  
418 Upon updating his or her driver license classification to  
419 reflect United States citizenship, the individual must be  
420 offered the opportunity to register to vote.

421           ~~(6)(5)~~ The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
422 shall ~~must send~~, with each driver license renewal issued  
423 ~~extension application authorized~~ pursuant to s. 322.18(8) and  
424 sent to any individual classified in the Department of Highway  
425 Safety and Motor Vehicles records as a United States citizen,  
426 include a uniform statewide voter registration application, the  
427 voter registration application prescribed under paragraph (4)(a)  
428 ~~(3)(a)~~, or a voter registration application developed especially  
429 for the purposes of this subsection by the Department of Highway  
430 Safety and Motor Vehicles, with the approval of the Department  
431 of State, which must meet the requirements of s. 97.052.

432           (7) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
433 shall, with each driver license renewal issued pursuant to s.  
434 322.18(8) and sent to an individual classified in the Department  
435 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records as a non-United

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436 States citizen, include instructions on how he or she may update  
437 his or her driver license classification upon becoming a United  
438 States citizen.

439 (12)~~(10)~~ The department shall provide the Department of  
440 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with an electronic database of  
441 street addresses valid for use as the address of legal residence  
442 as required in s. 97.053(5). The Department of Highway Safety  
443 and Motor Vehicles shall compare the address provided by the  
444 applicant against the database of valid street addresses. If the  
445 address provided by the applicant does not match a valid street  
446 address in the database, the applicant will be asked to verify  
447 the address provided. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
448 Vehicles may ~~shall~~ not reject any application for voter  
449 registration for which a valid match cannot be made; however,  
450 the department shall inform the voter that he or she may be  
451 required to vote in person until the address is corrected.

452 (16) (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
453 shall notify the Department of State when a driver license has  
454 been made invalid due to the issuance of a driver license in  
455 another state or due to notification of death. The Department of  
456 State shall report each such change to the appropriate  
457 supervisor of elections, who shall remove the registered voter  
458 from the statewide voter registration system in accordance with  
459 s. 98.075(3) (a) or (7), as applicable.

460 (b) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
461 shall make driver license surrendered and death reports  
462 available in weekly reports to the Department of State and make  
463 driver license surrendered and death status available by means  
464 of online or written query and customized reports to the



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465 Department of State and supervisors of elections.

466 (17) (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
467 shall notify the Department of State when a Florida  
468 identification card or driver license has been obtained with  
469 documentation that indicates that the applicant is not a United  
470 States citizen. Documentation deemed to indicate that an  
471 individual is not a United States citizen includes social  
472 security cards that contain a work restriction, alien  
473 registration receipt cards, employment authorization cards  
474 issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security, and  
475 proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United  
476 States Department of Homeland Security.

477 (b) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
478 shall make non-United States citizen status available in weekly  
479 reports to the Department of State and available by means of  
480 online or written query and customized reports to the Department  
481 of State and supervisors of elections. An individual identified  
482 as a non-United States citizen from such reports by a supervisor  
483 of elections must be removed by the supervisor from the  
484 statewide voter registration system in accordance with s.  
485 98.075(7).

486 Section 6. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of  
487 section 97.0575, Florida Statutes, to read:

488 97.0575 Third-party voter registration organizations.—

489 (1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a  
490 third-party voter registration organization must register and  
491 provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following  
492 information:

493 (g) An affirmation that each person collecting voter

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494 registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter  
495 registration organization:

496 1. Will not knowingly solicit persons who are not United  
497 States citizens to register to vote;

498 2. Will incorporate citizenship status and other  
499 eligibility requirements listed in s. 97.041 in screening  
500 questions; and

501 3. Will provide any individual who indicates that he or she  
502 is not a United States citizen or who displays a driver license  
503 indicating that he or she is not a United States citizen with  
504 instructions on how to register to vote upon becoming a United  
505 States citizen.

506 Section 7. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
507 (2) of section 97.058, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
508 97.058 Voter registration agencies.—

509 (1) Each voter registration agency shall ~~must~~ provide each  
510 applicant who states that he or she is a United States citizen  
511 on their application or presents a current and valid Florida  
512 driver license or Florida identification card indicating he or  
513 she is a United States citizen, the opportunity to register to  
514 vote or to update a voter registration record, at the time the  
515 applicant applies for services or assistance from that agency,  
516 for renewal of such services or assistance, or for a change of  
517 address required with respect to the services or assistance.

518 (2) Each voter registration agency, other than a public  
519 library, must develop and provide each applicant with a form  
520 approved by the department containing all of the following:

521 (a) The questions:

522 1. "Are you a United States citizen? If yes, continue."

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523       2. "If you are not registered to vote where you live now,  
524 would you like to apply to register to vote today?"

525       ~~3.2.~~ "If you are registered to vote where you live now,  
526 would you like to update your voter registration record?"

527       Section 8. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
528 section 97.0585, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

529       97.0585 Public records exemption; information regarding  
530 voters and voter registration; confidentiality.-

531       (1) The following information held by an agency, as defined  
532 in s. 119.011, and obtained for the purpose of voter  
533 registration is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
534 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and may be used only for  
535 purposes of voter registration:

536       (b) Information relating to the place where a person  
537 registered to vote or where a person updated a voter  
538 registration, except for information relating to the method of  
539 registration.

540       (c) The social security number, driver license number, and  
541 Florida identification number of a voter registration applicant  
542 or voter, except for information relating to the type of number  
543 provided.

544       Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
545 97.1031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

546       97.1031 Notice of change of residence, change of name, or  
547 change of party affiliation.-

548       (1)(a) When an elector changes his or her residence  
549 address, the elector must notify the supervisor of elections and  
550 the supervisor shall verify the elector's eligibility status  
551 using all available data sources. Except as provided in

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552 paragraph (b), an address change must be submitted using a voter  
553 registration application.

554 Section 10. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of  
555 subsection (4) of section 98.045, Florida Statutes, are amended,  
556 and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to  
557 read:

558 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

559 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—The supervisor must ensure  
560 that any eligible applicant for voter registration is registered  
561 to vote and that each application for voter registration is  
562 processed in accordance with law. The supervisor shall, using  
563 all available data sources, determine whether a voter  
564 registration applicant is ineligible based on any of the  
565 following:

566 (a) The failure to complete a voter registration  
567 application as specified in s. 97.053.

568 (b) The applicant is deceased.

569 (c) The applicant has been convicted of a felony for which  
570 his or her voting rights have not been restored.

571 (d) The applicant has been adjudicated mentally  
572 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right  
573 has not been restored.

574 (e) The applicant does not meet the age requirement  
575 pursuant to s. 97.041.

576 (f) The applicant is not a United States citizen.

577 (g) The applicant is a fictitious person.

578 (h) The applicant has provided an address of legal  
579 residence that is not his or her legal residence.

580 (i) The applicant has provided a driver license number,

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581 Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of a  
582 social security number that is not verifiable by the department.

583 (2) REMOVAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS.—

584 (c) Information received from the Department of Highway  
585 Safety and Motor Vehicles indicating that a registered voter in  
586 this state has obtained a driver license in another state is  
587 considered a written request from the voter to have the voter's  
588 name removed from the statewide voter registration system.

589 (4) STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC DATABASE OF VALID RESIDENTIAL  
590 STREET ADDRESSES.—

591 (a) The department shall compile and maintain a statewide  
592 electronic database of valid residential street addresses from  
593 the information provided by the supervisors of elections  
594 pursuant to s. 98.015. The department shall evaluate the  
595 information provided by the supervisors of elections to identify  
596 any duplicate addresses and any address that may overlap county  
597 boundaries. The department shall include in the database the  
598 maximum number of occupants in accordance with the applicable  
599 zoning regulations at each address. The department and  
600 supervisors of elections shall use all available data sources  
601 and methods to update mailing and registration addresses to be  
602 accurate and CASS-compliant residential addresses. The  
603 department shall adopt rules that specify such sources and  
604 methods.

605 (b) The department shall make the statewide database of  
606 valid street addresses available to the Department of Highway  
607 Safety and Motor Vehicles as provided in s. 97.057(12) ~~s.~~  
608 ~~97.057(10)~~. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
609 shall use the database for purposes of validating the legal

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610 residential addresses provided in voter registration  
611 applications received by the Department of Highway Safety and  
612 Motor Vehicles.

613 Section 11. Present subsection (7) of section 98.065,  
614 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (9), and a new  
615 subsection (7) and subsection (8) are added to that section, to  
616 read:

617 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

618 (7) The supervisor of elections shall at least quarterly  
619 conduct bulk list maintenance by comparing the county voter roll  
620 to customized reports from the Department of Highway Safety and  
621 Motor Vehicles, the Department of Children and Families, and  
622 other sources that may identify persons who are not United  
623 States citizens, persons who have moved out of state, persons  
624 who are deceased, and persons who are otherwise ineligible.

625 (8) The supervisor of elections shall at least quarterly  
626 analyze the voter registration database to determine whether any  
627 addresses have more registered voters than allowed by applicable  
628 zoning regulations. If the number of registered voters exceeds  
629 the number allowed by the applicable zoning regulations, all  
630 available sources must be used to determine whether any voters  
631 at that addresses have moved or become ineligible. If a voter is  
632 determined to have moved, the supervisor of elections must  
633 adhere to the procedures provided in subsection (4). If a voter  
634 is determined to be ineligible, the supervisor of elections must  
635 adhere to the procedures for removal pursuant to s. 98.075(7).

636 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection  
637 (6) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

638 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;

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639 ineligibility determinations.—

640 (3) DECEASED PERSONS.—

641 (b) The supervisor shall remove the name of a deceased  
642 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
643 within 7 days after receipt of a copy of a death certificate  
644 issued by a governmental agency authorized to issue death  
645 certificates or verified with information from Department of  
646 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records that the registered  
647 voter is deceased.

648 (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—Subsections (2)-(5) do  
649 not limit or restrict the department or the supervisor in his or  
650 her duty to act upon direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge  
651 of information from any credible source ~~governmental entity~~ that  
652 identifies a registered voter as potentially ineligible. If the  
653 department or supervisor receives information from any credible  
654 source ~~governmental entity~~ other than those identified in  
655 subsections (2)-(5) that a registered voter is ineligible  
656 because the voter is deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon  
657 without having had his or her voting rights restored,  
658 adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had his or her  
659 voting rights restored, does not meet the age requirement  
660 pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a  
661 fictitious person, has surrendered his or her driver license to  
662 another state, or has listed an address that is not his or her  
663 address of legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to the  
664 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before the removal of the  
665 name of a registered voter who is determined to be ineligible  
666 from the statewide voter registration system.

667 (a) The following are deemed credible sources from which

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668 the department or a supervisor may determine whether an elector  
669 is ineligible and subject to the procedures for removal set  
670 forth in subsection (7) or has had a change of address and is  
671 subject to the procedures required under s. 98.065(4):

672 1. An affidavit from a rental or group living facility  
673 manager, verified with information from the Department of  
674 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records, county tax records,  
675 or other credible sources.

676 2. An affidavit from a homeowner association manager,  
677 verified with information from the Department of Highway Safety  
678 and Motor Vehicles records, county tax records, or other  
679 credible sources.

680 3. An affidavit from a county resident, verified with  
681 information from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
682 Vehicles records, county tax records, or other credible sources.

683 4. Social security death index licensees, provided that the  
684 social security number matches the registered voter's social  
685 security number and the information is verified by the  
686 department or Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
687 personnel with direct access to the social security death index  
688 file.

689 (b) If the information from such an affidavit or a licensee  
690 cannot be verified using a second credible source, the  
691 supervisor must send an address confirmation to the registered  
692 voter. If the registered voter does not respond to the address  
693 confirmation within 30 days, the supervisor must send an address  
694 confirmation final notice to the registered voter.

695 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 98.093, Florida  
696 Statutes, is amended to read:



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697 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to  
698 deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,  
699 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United  
700 States citizens.-

701 (1) DUTIES.-In order to identify ineligible registered  
702 voters and maintain accurate and current voter registration  
703 records in the statewide voter registration system pursuant to  
704 procedures in s. 98.065 or s. 98.075, it is necessary for the  
705 department and supervisors of elections to receive or access  
706 certain information from state and federal officials and  
707 entities in the format prescribed. To the maximum extent  
708 feasible, state and local government agencies shall facilitate  
709 provision of information and access to data to the department  
710 and supervisors of elections, including, but not limited to,  
711 databases and customized reports in a format that can be used by  
712 election officials to compare with voter registration data to  
713 identify registered voters who are ineligible due to ~~that~~  
714 ~~contain reliable~~ criminal records, ~~and records of~~ deceased  
715 status, surrendered driver licenses, a change of address, or  
716 citizenship status persons. State and local government agencies  
717 that provide such data must do so without charge if the direct  
718 cost incurred by those agencies is not significant.

719 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 98.255,  
720 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

721 98.255 Voter education programs.-

722 (1) The Department of State shall adopt rules prescribing  
723 minimum standards for nonpartisan voter education. The standards  
724 must ~~shall~~, at a minimum, address all of the following:

725 (a) Voter registration.~~†~~

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- 726 (b) Balloting procedures, by mail and polling place.†  
 727 (c) Voter rights and responsibilities.†  
 728 (d) Distribution of sample ballots.†~~and~~  
 729 (e) The importance of and method for updating voter  
 730 registration information and a voter's mailing address.  
 731 (f) The importance of and method for canceling a voter  
 732 registration upon moving out of state.  
 733 (g)~~(e)~~ Public service announcements.  
 734 (2) Each county supervisor shall implement the minimum  
 735 voter education standards, and shall conduct additional  
 736 nonpartisan education efforts as necessary to ensure that voters  
 737 have a working knowledge of the voting process. A county  
 738 supervisor shall provide equal education on all methods of  
 739 voting.

740 Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 101.043, Florida  
 741 Statutes, is amended to read:

742 101.043 Identification required at polls.-

743 (2) If the elector fails to furnish the required  
 744 identification or presents a Florida driver license or Florida  
 745 identification card with a non-citizen designation, the elector  
 746 must ~~shall~~ be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. The  
 747 canvassing board shall determine the validity of the ballot  
 748 pursuant to s. 101.048(2).

749 Section 16. Section 101.6921, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 750 to read:

751 101.6921 Delivery of special vote-by-mail ballot to certain  
 752 first-time voters.-

753 (1) The provisions of this section apply to voters who are  
 754 subject to the provisions of s. 97.0535 and who have not

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755 provided the identification or certification required by s.  
756 97.0535 by the time the ~~vote-by-mail~~ ballot is mailed.

757 (2) The supervisor shall enclose with each ~~vote-by-mail~~  
758 ballot two ~~three~~ envelopes: a ~~secrecy envelope, into which the~~  
759 ~~absent elector will enclose his or her marked ballot;~~ an  
760 envelope containing the Voter's Certificate, ~~into which the~~  
761 ~~absent elector shall place the secrecy envelope;~~ and a mailing  
762 envelope, which shall be addressed to the supervisor and into  
763 which the absent elector will place the envelope containing the  
764 Voter's Certificate and a copy of the required identification.

765 (3) The Voter's Certificate must ~~shall~~ be in substantially  
766 the following form:

767  
768 Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before Marking Ballot  
769 and Completing Voter's Certificate.

770

#### 771 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

772

773 I, ....., do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified  
774 and registered voter of .... County, Florida, and that I have  
775 not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I  
776 understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in  
777 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
778 than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the  
779 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to  
780 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate  
781 will invalidate my ballot. I understand that unless I meet one  
782 of the exemptions below, I must provide a copy of a current and  
783 valid identification as provided in the instruction sheet to the

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784 supervisor of elections in order for my ballot to count.

785 I further certify that I am exempt from the requirements to  
786 furnish a copy of a current and valid identification with my  
787 ballot because of one or more of the following (check all that  
788 apply):

789  ~~I am 65 years of age or older.~~

790  I have a permanent or temporary physical disability and  
791 have included a doctor's note.

792  I am a member of a uniformed service on active duty who,  
793 by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the county on  
794 election day and have included a copy of my current military  
795 identification.

796  I am a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of  
797 service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the county  
798 on election day and have included a copy of my current Merchant  
799 Marine credential.

800  I am the spouse or dependent of a member of the uniformed  
801 service or Merchant Marine who, by reason of the active duty or  
802 service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
803 election day and have included a copy of my uniformed services  
804 dependent identification.

805  I am currently residing outside the United States and  
806 have included a copy of one of the following that show my name  
807 and my former Florida address or the address I am residing at  
808 while outside the United States:

809 1.  Utility bill.

810 2.  Bank statement.

811 3.  Government check.

812 4.  Paycheck.

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813           5.  Other government document (excluding voter  
 814 identification card).

815  
 816           ... (Date)...      ... (Voter's Signature)...

817  
 818           (4) The certificate must ~~shall~~ be arranged on the back of  
 819 the envelope so that the line for the signature of the absent  
 820 elector is across the seal of the envelope.

821           Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida  
 822 Statutes, is amended to read:

823           101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
 824 certain first-time voters.—

825           (2) A voter covered by this section must be provided with  
 826 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in  
 827 substantially the following form:

828  
 829           READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR  
 830 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
 831 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

832  
 833           1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be  
 834 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
 835 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
 836 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
 837 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
 838 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
 839 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
 840 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
 841 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are

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842 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
843 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less  
844 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is  
845 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the  
846 election.

847 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
848 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
849 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

850 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
851 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
852 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
853 that race will not be counted.

854 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
855 envelope and seal the envelope.

856 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
857 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
858 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
859 envelope.

860 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
861 Signature).

862 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
863 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
864 your ballot may not be counted.

865 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
866 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
867 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
868 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
869 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
870 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for

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871 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
 872 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
 873 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

874 6. If you have registered to vote without a Florida driver  
 875 license or a Florida identification card and have not previously  
 876 provided one of the following identification documents to an  
 877 election official ~~Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item~~  
 878 ~~7.,~~ you must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
 879 identification:

880 a. United States passport.

881 b. A birth certificate issued by a state, territory, or  
 882 other jurisdiction of the United States along with an acceptable  
 883 form of photo identification containing your name and  
 884 photograph. Acceptable forms of photo identification include:

885 ~~a. Identification which must include your name and~~  
 886 ~~photograph: United States passport;~~

887 (I) Debit or credit card.

888 (II) Military identification.

889 (III) Student identification.

890 (IV) Retirement center identification.

891 ~~(V) Neighborhood association identification;~~ Public  
 892 assistance identification.

893 (VI) Veteran health identification card issued by the  
 894 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

895 (VII) A Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or  
 896 firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06, Florida Statutes.

897 (VIII) An employee identification card issued by any  
 898 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
 899 the state, a county, or a municipality.

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900 c. United States naturalization papers, plus an acceptable  
901 form of photo identification.

902 d. A consular report of birth abroad provided by the United  
903 States Department of State, plus an acceptable photo  
904 identification.

905 e. Social security card, plus an acceptable photo  
906 identification. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

907 7.b. If you registered to vote without a Florida driver  
908 license or a Florida identification card, you must also make a  
909 copy of the following documents that must be dated within the  
910 last 2 months and contain the name and residence address listed  
911 on your voter registration application to provide proof of  
912 Florida residency Identification which shows your name and  
913 current residence address:

914 a. ~~current~~ Utility bill.

915 b. Bank statement.

916 c. Government check.

917 d. Paycheck. ~~or~~

918 e. Other government document (excluding voter information  
919 card).

920 8. If you have registered to vote without a Florida driver  
921 license or Florida identification card and meet one of the  
922 exemptions in Item 10., you may provide the following as proof  
923 of prior Florida residence instead of the documents listed in  
924 Item 7.:

925 a. Documents listed in Item 7. that are not current, plus a  
926 current equivalent document listing your residence outside the  
927 United States.

928 b. A consular report of birth abroad provided by the United



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929 States Department of State, plus proof that your parents  
930 previously resided in the state of Florida.

931 ~~9.7.~~ The identification requirements of Item 6., 7., or 8.  
932 do not apply if you meet one of the following requirements:

933 ~~a. You are 65 years of age or older.~~

934 ~~b.~~ You have a temporary or permanent physical disability,  
935 documented by a doctor's note provided to a voter registration  
936 official.

937 ~~b.e.~~ You are a member of a uniformed service on active  
938 duty, as documented by a current military identification  
939 provided to a voter registration official, who, by reason of  
940 such active duty, will be absent from the county on election  
941 day.

942 ~~c.d.~~ You are a member of the Merchant Marine, as documented  
943 by a current Merchant Marine identification, who, by reason of  
944 service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the county  
945 on election day.

946 ~~d.e.~~ You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred  
947 to in paragraph c. or paragraph d., as documented by a uniformed  
948 services dependent identification, who, by reason of the active  
949 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
950 election day.

951 ~~e.f.~~ If you are currently residing outside the United  
952 States, you must provide one of the documents listed in Item 8.

953 10. The documents listed in Item 6., 7., 8., or 10. may be  
954 submitted using the same methods allowed under s. 101.68,  
955 Florida Statutes, or by mail, e-mail, or fax.

956 11.8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate  
957 into the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a

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958 copy of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT  
959 YOUR IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT  
960 OR INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR  
961 YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

962 ~~12.9.~~ Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed  
963 mailing envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

964 ~~13.10.~~ FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
965 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
966 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
967 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
968 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

969 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
970 322.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

971 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license  
972 and identification card forms.—

973 (2) Each such application shall include the following  
974 information regarding the applicant:

975 (a) Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender,  
976 proof of social security card number satisfactory to the  
977 department by presenting a social security card, which may  
978 include a military identification card, county of residence,  
979 mailing address, proof of residential address satisfactory to  
980 the department, country of birth, and a brief description. The  
981 department shall note in the applicant's record the type of  
982 social security card presented.

983 Section 19. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of  
984 section 322.14, Florida Statutes, to read:

985 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

986 (1)

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987 (g) Licenses issued to individual who submitted any of the  
988 documents required pursuant to s. 322.08(2)(c)5., 7., or 8., or  
989 presented a type 2 or type 3 social security card pursuant to s.  
990 322.08(2)(a) must include "NC" to denote that such individual is  
991 a noncitizen.

992 Section 20. Subsection (5) is added to section 322.141,  
993 Florida Statutes, to read:

994 322.141 Color or markings of certain licenses or  
995 identification cards.—

996 (5) Identification cards issued to individuals who  
997 submitted any of the documents required pursuant to s.  
998 322.08(2)(c)5., 7., or 8., or presented a type 2 or type 3  
999 social security card pursuant to s. 322.08(2)(a) must include  
1000 "NC" to denote that such individual is a noncitizen.

1001 Section 21. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.