



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Garcia) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (747052) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 226 and 227

5 insert:

6 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of office,
9 compensation, custody of registration-related documents, office
10 hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy supervisors;



11 duties.—

12 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be
13 open Monday through Friday, ~~excluding legal holidays~~, for a
14 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than
15 9 a.m.

16 (b) The office of the supervisor may close to observe legal
17 holidays and other federal, state, or county-approved holidays,
18 if the office is not otherwise required to be open to fulfill
19 official duties under the Florida Election Code.

20 Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
21 made by this act to section 98.015, Florida Statutes, in a
22 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
23 101.69, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

24 101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—

25 (2) (a) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has
26 received a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted
27 vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor by placing the return mail
28 envelope containing his or her marked ballot in a secure ballot
29 intake station. Secure ballot intake stations shall be placed at
30 the main office of the supervisor, at each permanent branch
31 office of the supervisor which meets the criteria set forth in
32 s. 101.657(1) (a) for branch offices used for early voting and
33 which is open for at least the minimum number of hours
34 prescribed by s. 98.015(4), and at each early voting site.
35 Secure ballot intake stations may also be placed at any other
36 site that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site under
37 s. 101.657(1). Secure ballot intake stations must be
38 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county
39 with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is



40 practicable. Except for secure ballot intake stations at an
41 office of the supervisor, a secure ballot intake station may
42 only be used during the county's early voting hours of operation
43 and must be monitored in person by an employee of the
44 supervisor's office. A secure ballot intake station at an office
45 of the supervisor must be continuously monitored in person by an
46 employee of the supervisor's office when the secure ballot
47 intake station is accessible for deposit of ballots.

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Between lines 969 and 970

52 insert:

53 98.015, F.S.; authorizing the office of the supervisor
54 of elections to close to observe certain holidays
55 under a specified condition; reenacting s.

56 101.69(2) (a), F.S., relating to the offices of the
57 supervisor of elections being open during elections to
58 receive vote-by-mail ballots in secure ballot intake
59 stations, to incorporate the amendment made to s.

60 98.015, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s.