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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

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

Between lines 226 and 227  
insert:

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

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



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duties.—

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

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

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

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

(2)(a) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has received a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor by placing the return mail envelope containing his or her marked ballot in a secure ballot intake station. Secure ballot intake stations shall be placed at the main office of the supervisor, at each permanent branch office of the supervisor which meets the criteria set forth in s. 101.657(1)(a) for branch offices used for early voting and which is open for at least the minimum number of hours prescribed by s. 98.015(4), and at each early voting site.

Secure ballot intake stations may also be placed at any other site that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site under s. 101.657(1). Secure ballot intake stations must be geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is



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

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And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 969 and 970

insert:

98.015, F.S.; authorizing the office of the supervisor of elections to close to observe certain holidays under a specified condition; reenacting s. 101.69(2)(a), F.S., relating to the offices of the supervisor of elections being open during elections to receive vote-by-mail ballots in secure ballot intake stations, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 98.015, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s.