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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Persons-Mulicka offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (6), (43), and (47) of section 97.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

(6) "Ballot" means a printed sheet of paper containing contests, including offices and candidates, constitutional amendments, and other public measures upon which a voter's selections will be marked by using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with the voting system, for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data processing equipment that is part of the voting system. The term includes a voter-

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17 verifiable paper output upon which a voter's selections are
18 marked by a voter interface device that meets voter
19 accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities
20 under s. 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s.
21 101.56062 or "official ballot" when used in reference to:

22 ~~(a) "Electronic or electromechanical devices" means a~~
23 ~~ballot that is voted by the process of electronically~~
24 ~~designating, including by touchscreen, or marking with a marking~~
25 ~~device for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data~~
26 ~~processing equipment.~~

27 ~~(b) "Marksense ballots" means that printed sheet of paper,~~
28 ~~used in conjunction with an electronic or electromechanical vote~~
29 ~~tabulation voting system, containing the names of candidates, or~~
30 ~~a statement of proposed constitutional amendments or other~~
31 ~~questions or propositions submitted to the electorate at any~~
32 ~~election, on which sheet of paper an elector casts his or her~~
33 ~~vote.~~

34 (43) "Voter interface device" means any device that
35 communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a
36 voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates and
37 issues. A voter interface device may not be used to tabulate
38 votes. Any vote tabulation must be based upon a subsequent scan
39 of the marked ~~marksense ballot or the voter-verifiable paper~~
40 ~~output~~ after the voter interface device process has been
41 completed.

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42 (47) "Voting system" means a method of casting and
43 processing votes that ~~functions wholly or partly by use of~~
44 ~~electromechanical or electronic apparatus or by use of marksense~~
45 ~~ballots and~~ includes, but is not limited to, equipment,
46 hardware, firmware, and software; ballots; the procedures for
47 casting and processing votes; ~~and the~~ programs, operating
48 manuals, and supplies; and reports, printouts, and other
49 documentation ~~software~~ necessary for the system's operation.

50 **Section 2. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (7) of**
51 **section 97.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

52 97.022 Office of Election Crimes and Security; creation;
53 purpose and duties.—

54 (7) By January 15 of each year, the department shall
55 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
56 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing
57 information on investigations of alleged election law violations
58 or election irregularities conducted during the prior calendar
59 year. The report must include the total number of complaints
60 received and independent investigations initiated and the number
61 of complaints referred to another agency for further
62 investigation or prosecution, including the total number of
63 those matters sent to a special officer pursuant to s. 102.091.
64 The report must include any alleged violations of s.
65 106.08(12)(b), irregularities involving foreign national
66 influence, and the department's recommendations to the

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67 Legislature to mitigate foreign national influence in elections.

68 For each alleged violation or irregularity investigated, the
69 report must include:

70 (a) The source of the alleged violation or irregularity;

71 (b) The law allegedly violated or the nature of the
72 irregularity reported;

73 (c) The county in which the alleged violation or
74 irregularity occurred;

75 (d) Whether the alleged violation or irregularity was
76 referred to another agency for further investigation or
77 prosecution and, if so, to which agency; and

78 (e) The current status of the investigation or resulting
79 criminal case.

80 **Section 3. Effective July 1, 2026, section 97.0291,**
81 **Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

82 97.0291 Prohibition on use of private funds for election-
83 related expenses.—No agency or state or local official
84 responsible for conducting elections, including, but not limited
85 to, a supervisor of elections, may solicit, accept, use, or
86 dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property,
87 or personal services from an individual or a nongovernmental
88 entity for the purpose of funding any type of expenses related
89 to election administration, including, but not limited to, voter
90 education, voter outreach, voter registration programs, or the

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91 cost of any litigation related to election administration. This
92 section does not prohibit:

93 (1) The donation and acceptance of space to be used for a
94 polling room or an early voting site.

95 (2) Reimbursement by a rural electric cooperative for the
96 costs of administration of an election conducted under s.
97 425.10.

98 **Section 4. Section 97.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
99 **read:**

100 97.051 Oath upon registering.—A person registering to vote
101 must subscribe to the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or
102 affirm) that I am a United States citizen and will protect and
103 defend the Constitution of the United States and the
104 Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to
105 register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the
106 State of Florida, and that all information provided in this
107 application is true. I have carefully reviewed the instructions
108 for completing the Florida Voter Registration Application. I
109 understand that if I have provided false information on this
110 application, I could be subject to criminal penalties for
111 perjury, fines, or imprisonment, and deportation from the United
112 States if I am not a United States citizen."

113 **Section 5. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of**
114 **section 97.052, Florida Statutes, to read:**

115 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

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116 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application
117 must be designed to elicit the following information from the
118 applicant:

119 (v) Documentation required by the United States Election
120 Assistance Commission or federal law.

121 **Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida**
122 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

123 97.0525 Online voter registration.—

124 (4) (a) The online voter registration system shall compare
125 the Florida driver license number or Florida identification
126 number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with information
127 maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
128 Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the
129 application are consistent with the records of the Department of
130 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the applicant's legal
131 status as a United States citizen can be verified by the records
132 of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

133 (b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are
134 consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety
135 and Motor Vehicles, and the applicant's legal status as a United
136 States citizen can be verified by the records of the Department
137 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the online voter
138 registration system shall transmit, using the statewide voter
139 registration system maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the
140 applicant's registration application, along with the digital

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141 signature of the applicant on file with the Department of
142 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of
143 elections. The applicant's digital signature satisfies the
144 signature requirement of s. 97.052(2)(q).

145 (c) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be
146 verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and
147 Motor Vehicles, ~~or if the applicant indicated that he or she has~~
148 ~~not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida~~
149 ~~identification card,~~ the online voter registration system shall
150 populate the applicant's information except for the applicant's
151 personal identifying number into a printable voter registration
152 application pursuant to s. 97.052(2) which ~~and direct~~ the
153 applicant may ~~to~~ print, complete any required field, sign, and
154 date the application and deliver the application to the
155 supervisor of elections for disposition pursuant to s. 97.073.

156 (d)1. If the applicant's legal status as a United States
157 citizen cannot be verified by the records of the Department of
158 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the applicant will be
159 registered as an unverified voter provided all other
160 requirements have been met. The unverified voter will not be
161 allowed to vote until he or she has provided sufficient evidence
162 of citizenship to the supervisor of elections. The online voter
163 registration system must transmit, using the statewide voter
164 registration system maintained under s. 98.035, the applicant's
165 registration application, along with the digital signature of

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166 the applicant on file with the Department of Highway Safety and
167 Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
168 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
169 97.052(2)(q). The system must generate a notice to the
170 supervisor of elections and to the applicant which states that
171 the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen cannot
172 be verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
173 Vehicles and that the applicant must provide to the supervisor
174 of elections sufficient evidence of his or her United States
175 citizenship and the supervisor of elections must verify the
176 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen before the
177 applicant may vote. Such notice must include a list of documents
178 acceptable as evidence United States citizenship as set forth in
179 s. 98.075(6)(c).

180 2. The supervisor of elections shall verify the legal
181 status of an applicant identified by the Department of Highway
182 Safety and Motor Vehicle as a person who is potentially not a
183 United States citizen. If the supervisor determines based on
184 credible and reliable information that the applicant is
185 potentially ineligible to vote because he or she is not a United
186 States citizen, the supervisor must provide notice to the
187 applicant in accordance with s. 98.075(8). Such notice must
188 include the list of documents acceptable as evidence of United
189 States citizenship as set forth in s. 98.075(6)(c).

190 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been

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191 issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card,
192 or chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to
193 print, sign, and deliver, the online voter registration system
194 must populate the applicant's information into a uniform
195 statewide voter registration application under s. 97.052(2) and
196 direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application
197 and deliver the application to the supervisor of elections for
198 disposition under s. 97.073.

199 **Section 7. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 97.053,**
200 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

201 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

202 (2) A voter registration application is complete and
203 becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant
204 when all information necessary to establish the applicant's
205 eligibility under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 97.041 is received by a voter
206 registration official and verified under ~~pursuant to~~ subsection
207 (6). Except as provided in subsection (6), if the applicant
208 fails to complete his or her voter registration application on
209 or before ~~prior to~~ the date of book closing for an election,
210 ~~then~~ such applicant is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ eligible to vote in that
211 election.

212 (6)(a) A voter registration application, including an
213 application with a change in name, address, or party
214 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department
215 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the Florida

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216 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,
217 or the last four digits of the social security number provided
218 by the applicant and the applicant's legal status as a United
219 States citizen has been verified or recorded as verified in the
220 statewide voter registration system. If a completed voter
221 registration application has been received by the book-closing
222 deadline but the Florida driver license number, the Florida
223 identification card number, or the last four digits of the
224 social security number provided by the applicant or the
225 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen, whichever
226 is applicable, cannot be verified, the applicant must ~~shall~~ be
227 notified that ~~the number cannot be verified and that the~~
228 applicant must provide ~~evidence~~ to the supervisor evidence
229 sufficient to verify the authenticity of the ~~applicant's driver~~
230 ~~license number, Florida identification card number, or last four~~
231 ~~digits of the social security number~~ or provide one of the
232 documents acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship
233 set forth s. 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable. An applicant
234 whose application does not meet the requirements of this
235 subsection is deemed an unverified voter until the requirements
236 have been met.

237 (b) If the applicant provides the necessary evidence, the
238 supervisor shall place the applicant's name on the registration
239 rolls as an active voter.

240 (c) If the application is to update to the voter's record

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241 with a change in name, address, or party affiliation, whichever
242 is applicable, the change is retroactive to the date the
243 application was initially received and the necessary
244 documentation is verified.

245 (d) If the applicant has not provided the necessary
246 evidence to validate the applicant's number or citizenship as
247 required under paragraph (a) before ~~or the number has not~~
248 ~~otherwise been verified prior to the applicant appears~~
249 ~~presenting himself or herself to vote, the applicant must shall~~
250 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must
251 ~~shall~~ be counted pursuant to s. 101.048, only if the requisite
252 verification occurs ~~number is verified~~ by the end of the
253 canvassing period or if the applicant presents ~~evidence~~ to the
254 supervisor of elections evidence sufficient to verify the
255 authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver license number,
256 Florida identification card number, ~~or~~ last four digits of the
257 social security number, or provides one of the documents
258 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship set forth s.
259 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable, no later than 5 p.m. of
260 the second day following the election.

261 **Section 8. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 97.057,**
262 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

263 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
264 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

265 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

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266 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match
267 information in the statewide voter registration system with
268 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety
269 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy
270 of a person's Florida ~~the~~ driver license number, Florida
271 identification number, ~~or~~ last four digits of his or her ~~the~~
272 social security number, or legal status as a United States
273 citizen, as applicable, provided on applications for voter
274 registration as required in s. 97.053. The department shall also
275 include the documentary proof that the applicant provided in
276 support of his or her United States citizenship.

277 (13) Notwithstanding a declination to register or to
278 update a voter registration pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)2.,
279 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall, in
280 accordance with s. 98.093(8), ~~must~~ assist the Department of
281 State in ~~regularly~~ identifying changes in residence address or
282 number on the Florida driver license or Florida identification
283 card of persons who may be voters ~~of a voter~~. ~~The Department of~~
284 ~~State must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor~~
285 ~~of elections who must change the voter's registration records in~~
286 ~~accordance with s. 98.065(4).~~

287 **Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida**
288 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

289 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of
290 office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents,

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291 office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy
292 supervisors; duties.—

293 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be
294 open Monday through Friday, ~~excluding legal holidays,~~ for a
295 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than
296 9 a.m.

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

301 **Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida**
302 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

303 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

304 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—

305 (a) The supervisor shall ~~must~~ ensure that any eligible
306 applicant for voter registration is registered to vote and that
307 each application for voter registration is processed in
308 accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine whether a
309 voter registration applicant is ineligible to vote based on any
310 of the following:

311 ~~1.(a)~~ The failure to complete a voter registration
312 application as specified in s. 97.053.

313 ~~2.(b)~~ The applicant is deceased.

314 ~~3.(c)~~ The applicant has been convicted of a felony for
315 which his or her voting rights have not been restored.

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316 ~~4.(d)~~ The applicant has been adjudicated mentally
317 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right
318 has not been restored.

319 ~~5.(e)~~ The applicant does not meet the age requirement
320 pursuant to s. 97.041.

321 ~~6.(f)~~ The applicant is not a United States citizen.

322 ~~7.(g)~~ The applicant is a fictitious person.

323 ~~8.(h)~~ The applicant has provided an address of legal
324 residence that is not his or her legal residence.

325 ~~9.(i)~~ The applicant has provided a Florida driver license
326 number, Florida identification card number, or the last four
327 digits of a social security number that is not verifiable by the
328 department.

329 (b) If the most updated voter registration records show
330 that a new applicant was previously registered but subsequently
331 removed from the statewide voter registration system under s.
332 98.075(8) for ineligibility by reason of a felony conviction
333 without voting rights restored, adjudication as mentally
334 incapacitated with respect to voting without voting rights
335 restored, death, or legal status as not a United States citizen,
336 the supervisor must, within 13 days after receiving a new
337 application, verify the current eligibility of the applicant to
338 register by reviewing any governmental entity document or source
339 to determine whether the applicant remains ineligible. If the
340 supervisor determines that the applicant is still ineligible to

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341 vote, the supervisor must deny the application and notify the
342 applicant pursuant to s. 97.073.

343 **Section 11. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section**
344 **98.075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),**
345 **(8), and (9), respectively, subsections (4) and (5), present**
346 **subsection (6), paragraph (a) of present subsection (7), and**
347 **paragraph (a) of present subsection (8) are amended, and a new**
348 **subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:**

349 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
350 ineligibility determinations.—

351 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department
352 shall identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated
353 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not
354 had their voting rights restored by comparing information
355 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.
356 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an
357 initial determination as to whether the information is credible
358 and reliable. If the department determines that the information
359 is credible and reliable, the department must notify the
360 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation
361 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be
362 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has
363 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the
364 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in
365 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter from

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366 the statewide voter registration system.

367 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

368 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters
369 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have
370 not been restored by comparing information received from, but
371 not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of
372 Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the
373 Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's
374 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review
375 such information and make an initial determination as to whether
376 the information is credible and reliable. If the department
377 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the
378 department must notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the
379 supporting documentation indicating the potential ineligibility
380 of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that
381 the department has made a determination of initial credibility
382 and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures
383 set forth in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a
384 registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration
385 system.

386 (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective
387 clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093
388 to identify registered voters within their respective
389 jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the
390 preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.

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391 The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in
392 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter's
393 name from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes
394 of this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (8)
395 ~~(7)~~ begin upon his or her determination that the information
396 received from the clerk is credible and reliable.

397 (6) CITIZENSHIP.—

398 (a) The Department of State shall verify the citizenship
399 status of all registered voters whose legal status has not
400 already been verified as a United States citizen. If the
401 citizenship status of a registered voter cannot be verified or
402 the voter record does not indicate that the registered voter's
403 citizenship is verified, the department must notify the
404 supervisor of elections who must notify the registered voter.

405 (b) The department shall review the information received
406 from the Department of Highway Safety under s. 98.093(8) and
407 make an initial determination as to whether the information and
408 any other information regarding citizenship is credible and
409 reliable. If the department determines that the information is
410 credible and reliable, the department must notify the supervisor
411 and provide a copy of the supporting documentation indicating
412 the potential ineligibility of the voter.

413 (c) Upon receipt of the notice under paragraph (a) or
414 paragraph (b), the supervisor of elections must notify the
415 registered voter in accordance with subsection (8) that his or

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416 her United States citizenship could not be verified and require
417 the registered voter to submit evidence sufficient to verify his
418 or her citizenship status. The notice to the registered voter
419 must include the following list of documents that will be
420 accepted as evidence of United States citizenship:

421 1. A current and valid United States passport.

422 2. A United States birth certificate.

423 3. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
424 United States Department of State.

425 4. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
426 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
427 and Motor Vehicles if such driver license or identification card
428 indicates United States citizenship.

429 5. A naturalization certificate, a certificate of
430 citizenship, a certificate number, or an alien registration
431 number issued by the United States Department of Homeland
432 Security.

433 6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the
434 Federal Government or the government of this state which
435 indicates United States citizenship.

436 7. An order from a federal court granting United States
437 citizenship.

438 (d) If the registered voter's legal name is different than
439 the name that appears on one of the documents specified in
440 paragraph (c), the applicant must also provide official

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441 documentation providing proof of a legal name change.

442 (e) The type of document provided or used to verify
443 citizenship must be recorded in the statewide voter registration
444 system.

445 (7)-(6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.-Subsections (2)-(6)
446 (2)-(5) do not limit or restrict the department or the
447 supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,
448 access to, or knowledge of information from any governmental
449 entity that identifies a registered voter as potentially
450 ineligible. If the department or supervisor receives information
451 from any governmental entity other than those identified in
452 subsections (2)-(6) (2)-(5) that a registered voter is
453 ineligible because the voter is deceased, adjudicated a
454 convicted felon without having had his or her voting rights
455 restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had
456 his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age
457 requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States
458 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address that
459 is not his or her address of legal residence, the supervisor
460 must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (8) (7)-
461 before the removal of the name of a registered voter who is
462 determined to be ineligible from the statewide voter
463 registration system.

464 (8)-(7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.-

465 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information

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466 pursuant to subsections (4)-(7) ~~(4)-(6)~~, the supervisor of the
467 county in which the voter is registered must:

468 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential
469 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or
470 information. The notice must include:

471 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's
472 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon
473 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation
474 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined
475 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as
476 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

477 b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days
478 after receipt of the notice may result in a determination of
479 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from
480 the statewide voter registration system.

481 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to
482 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the
483 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by
484 the supervisor.

485 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy
486 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
487 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
488 determining eligibility.

489 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the
490 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is

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491 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

492 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights
493 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and
494 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
495 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
496 conviction, if applicable.

497 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
498 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
499 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
500 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
501 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
502 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
503 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
504 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
505 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

506 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the
507 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned
508 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general
509 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered
510 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.
511 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by
512 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

513 a. The voter's name and address.

514 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to
515 be registered to vote.

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516 c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days
517 after the notice is published may result in a determination of
518 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered
519 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

520 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor
521 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to
522 receive information regarding the basis for the potential
523 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

524 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance
525 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections
526 of the county in which the voter is registered.

527 f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of
528 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
529 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
530 determining eligibility.

531 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
532 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
533 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
534 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
535 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
536 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
537 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
538 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
539 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

540 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice

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541 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor
542 must make a final determination of the voter's eligibility
543 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to
544 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is
545 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the
546 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system
547 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter
548 of the supervisor's determination and action.

549 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant
550 to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of
551 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
552 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, make a final
553 determination of ineligibility and remove the voter's name from
554 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall
555 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
556 and action.

557 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued
558 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the
559 accuracy of the information underlying the potential
560 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor
561 must review the evidence and make a determination of eligibility
562 no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the
563 voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is
564 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the
565 statewide voter registration system upon such determination and

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566 | notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
567 | and action and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a
568 | determination of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755. If such
569 | registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor must send
570 | notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and
571 | place specified in the notice. The supervisor shall schedule and
572 | issue notice for the hearing within 7 days after receiving the
573 | voter's request for a hearing and shall hold the hearing no
574 | later than 30 days after issuing the notice of the hearing. A
575 | voter may request an extension upon showing good cause by
576 | submitting an affidavit to the supervisor as to why he or she is
577 | unable to attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all
578 | evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a
579 | determination of eligibility within 7 days. If the supervisor
580 | determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the
581 | supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter
582 | registration system and notify the registered voter of the
583 | supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
584 | has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant
585 | to s. 98.0755.

586 | (9)~~(8)~~ CERTIFICATION.—

587 | (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the
588 | supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor
589 | has conducted the activities required pursuant to this section
590 | during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year,

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591 respectively. The certification must include the number of
592 persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to subsection (8)
593 ~~(7)~~; the number of persons who responded to the notices; the
594 number of notices returned as undeliverable; the number of
595 notices published in the newspaper, on the county's website, or
596 on the supervisor's website; the number of hearings conducted;
597 and the number of persons removed from the statewide voter
598 registration system and the reasons for such removals.

599 **Section 12. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (9) of**
600 **section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs**
601 **(d), (e), and (f) are added to subsection (8) of that section,**
602 **to read:**

603 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating
604 to deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,
605 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United
606 States citizens.—

607 (8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The
608 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish
609 weekly to the department the following information:

610 (d) Information identifying those persons who during the
611 preceding week presented evidence of United States citizenship
612 upon being issued a new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver
613 license or Florida identification card. The information must
614 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four
615 digits of his or her social security number, if applicable;

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616 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card
617 number, if available; the type of documentary proof the person
618 provided in support of his or her citizenship; and, if
619 applicable, the person's alien registration number or other
620 legal status identifier.

621 (e) Information identifying a change in residence address
622 on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of
623 any person who declined to register or update his or her voter's
624 registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The information must
625 contain the person's name; date of birth; sex; last four digits
626 of his or her social security number, if available; and Florida
627 driver license or Florida identification card number in order to
628 identify a voter's registration record. The Department of State
629 must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of
630 elections who must change the voter's registration records in
631 accordance with s. 98.065(4).

632 (f) Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement
633 Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers
634 issued to persons who declined to register or update his or her
635 voter's registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The
636 information must contain the person's name; date of birth; last
637 four digits of his or her social security number, if available;
638 and the person's prior and current Florida driver license or
639 Florida identification card number in order to identify a
640 voter's registration record. The Department of State must report

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641 the prior and current Florida driver license or Florida
642 identification card numbers to the appropriate supervisor of
643 elections who must update the voter's registration records and
644 provide notice of the change to the registered voter in the same
645 manner as a change of address made in accordance with s.
646 98.065(4).

647 (9) CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or restrict
648 the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,
649 access to, or knowledge of official information from these and
650 other governmental entities that identify a registered voter as
651 potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of the name of
652 the registered voter who is determined to be ineligible from the
653 statewide voter registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~
654 ~~98.075(7)~~.

655 **Section 13. Section 98.094, Florida Statutes, is created**
656 **to read:**

657 98.094 Federal jury notice.—

658 (1) The Division of Elections shall provide a list,
659 monthly, of registered voters to federal courts for purposes of
660 selecting jurors and the jury coordinator must provide the
661 division notice regarding any ineligible or potentially
662 ineligible voters.

663 (2) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be
664 prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially
665 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service because

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666 the person is not a United States citizen, was convicted of a
667 felony, is deceased, is not a resident of this state, or is not
668 a resident of the county in which such jury service is required.
669 The list must be prepared and sent to the division according to
670 the jury summons cycle used by the clerk of court. This section
671 does not prevent the list from being sent more frequently. The
672 list prepared by the jury coordinator may be provided by mail,
673 e-mail, or other electronic means to the division.

674 (3) The jury coordinator shall provide the division with
675 all of the following information about each disqualified or
676 potentially disqualified juror:

677 (a) The full name of the juror.

678 (b) Current and prior addresses, if any.

679 (c) Telephone number, if available.

680 (d) Date of birth.

681 (e) The reason the prospective juror is disqualified.

682 (4) The division shall provide the information received
683 under subsection (3) to the appropriate supervisor of elections
684 in the county of residence of the disqualified juror in order
685 for the supervisor to initiate address list maintenance under s.
686 98.065 or eligibility maintenance under s. 98.075(8), as
687 applicable.

688 **Section 14. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraphs (b)**
689 **and (c) of subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes,**

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690 **are amended, and paragraphs (f) through (h) are added to that**
691 **subsection, to read:**

692 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

693 (1)

694 (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for
695 nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the
696 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in
697 writing:

698 1. The party of which the person is a member.

699 2. That the person has been a registered member of the
700 political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a
701 candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the
702 beginning of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election
703 for which the person seeks to qualify.

704 3. That the person has paid the assessment levied against
705 him or her, if any, as a candidate for said office by the
706 executive committee of the party of which he or she is a member.

707 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office
708 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of
709 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he
710 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he
711 or she has not been a registered member of any political party
712 for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the beginning
713 of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election for which
714 the person seeks to qualify.

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715 (f) A qualified candidate or a political party with a
716 qualified candidate in the same race may challenge the accuracy
717 of the content of the statement in a candidate's oath or
718 affirmation appearing in subparagraph (a)1. that the person
719 seeking to qualify as a candidate for nomination or election is
720 qualified under the State Constitution to hold the office to
721 which he or she desires to be nominated or elected by filing an
722 action for declaratory and injunctive relief in the circuit
723 court for the county in which the qualifying officer is
724 headquartered. A person may not be qualified as a candidate for
725 nomination or election and his or her name may not appear on the
726 ballot if in an order that has become final, the court
727 determines that the person seeking to qualify as a candidate for
728 nomination or election is not qualified under the State
729 Constitution to hold the office to which he or she desires to be
730 nominated or elected.

731 (g) The statements in subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c)
732 constitute substantive requirements for the person completing
733 the statement, and compliance with those requirements is
734 mandatory. The sole method to enforce compliance with such
735 requirements is contained in this paragraph. Compliance with
736 subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c) may be challenged by a
737 qualified candidate or a political party with a qualified
738 candidate in the same race by filing an action for declaratory
739 and injunctive relief in the circuit court for the county in

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740 which the qualifying officer is headquartered. A person may not
741 be qualified as a candidate for nomination or election and his
742 or her name may not appear on the ballot if in an order that has
743 become final, the court determines that:

744 1. The person seeking to qualify for nomination as a
745 candidate of any political party has not been a registered
746 member of that party for the 365-day period preceding the
747 beginning of qualifying; or

748 2. The person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate
749 with no party affiliation has not been registered without party
750 affiliation for, or has been a registered member of any
751 political party during, the 365-day period preceding the
752 beginning of qualifying.

753 (h) Any candidate or political party bringing an action
754 for declaratory and injunctive relief under paragraphs (f) or
755 (g) is entitled to an expedited final hearing and any appeal of
756 a final hearing shall receive expedited consideration by the
757 appellate court. Upon a final order of the circuit court
758 containing a determination in paragraph (f) or paragraph (g),
759 the supervisor of elections in each county affected by such
760 candidacy shall remove the name of the candidate from the
761 ballot, or if the ballots have already been printed, post a
762 notice to be included with each vote-by-mail ballot, and at each
763 early voting location and polling precinct that a vote for such
764 candidate will not be counted.

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765 **Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 101.043, Florida**
766 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

767 101.043 Identification required at polls.-

768 (1) (a) The precinct register, as prescribed in s. 98.461,
769 must ~~shall~~ be used at the polls for the purpose of identifying
770 the elector at the polls before allowing him or her to vote. The
771 clerk or inspector shall require each elector, upon entering the
772 polling place, to present one of the following current and valid
773 picture identifications:

774 1. Florida driver license.

775 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of
776 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

777 3. United States passport or passport card.

778 ~~4. Debit or credit card.~~

779 ~~4.5-~~ United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine
780 Military identification.

781 ~~6. Student identification.~~

782 ~~7. Retirement center identification.~~

783 ~~8. Neighborhood association identification.~~

784 ~~9. Public assistance identification.~~

785 ~~5.10-~~ Veteran health identification card issued by the
786 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

787 ~~6.11-~~ A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
788 issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

789 ~~7.12-~~ Any other ~~Employee~~ identification card issued by any

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790 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
791 the state, a county, or a municipality, excluding identification
792 cards issued by an educational institution.

793 (b) If the picture identification does not contain the
794 signature of the elector, an additional identification that
795 provides the elector's signature is ~~shall be~~ required. The
796 address appearing on the identification presented by the elector
797 may not be used as the basis to challenge an elector's legal
798 residence. The elector must ~~shall~~ sign his or her name in the
799 space provided on the precinct register or on an electronic
800 device provided for recording the elector's signature. The clerk
801 or inspector shall compare the signature with that on the
802 identification provided by the elector and enter his or her
803 initials in the space provided on the precinct register or on an
804 electronic device provided for that purpose and allow the
805 elector to vote if the clerk or inspector is satisfied as to the
806 identity of the elector.

807 **Section 16. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection**
808 **(6) of section 101.048, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

809 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

810 (1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly
811 registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in
812 the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a
813 person whom an election official asserts is not eligible,
814 including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been

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815 sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final
816 determination of eligibility has not been made, and other
817 persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a
818 provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must be
819 placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a
820 provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must be
821 deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must remain
822 sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of
823 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the
824 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional
825 ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his
826 or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of elections by not
827 later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.

828 (6)

829 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in
830 substantially the following form:

831 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE
832 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR
833 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

834 1. In order to cure the missing signature or the signature
835 discrepancy on your Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and
836 Affirmation, your affidavit should be completed and returned as
837 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of
838 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no
839 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

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840 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
841 Signature).

842 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of
843 identification:

844 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification
845 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;
846 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway
847 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport
848 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~
849 ~~or credit card~~; ~~military identification~~; ~~student identification~~;
850 ~~retirement center identification~~; ~~neighborhood association~~
851 ~~identification~~; ~~public assistance identification~~; veteran health
852 identification card issued by the United States Department of
853 Veterans Affairs; Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or
854 firearm; or any other ~~employee~~ identification card issued by any
855 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
856 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

857 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1
858 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and
859 current residence address: current utility bill; bank statement;
860 government check; paycheck; or government document (excluding
861 voter information card).

862 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
863 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
864 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),

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865 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with
866 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of
867 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and
868 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your
869 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no
870 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election or your
871 ballot will not count.

872 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
873 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
874 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as
875 attachments.

876 6. Submitting a provisional ballot affidavit does not
877 establish your eligibility to vote in this election or guarantee
878 that your ballot will be counted. The county canvassing board
879 determines your eligibility to vote through information provided
880 on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,
881 written evidence provided by you, including information in your
882 cure affidavit along with any supporting identification, and any
883 other evidence presented by the supervisor of elections or a
884 challenger. You may still be required to present additional
885 written evidence to support your eligibility to vote.

886 **Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 101.151, Florida**
887 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

888 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

889 (1) (a) ~~Marksense~~ Ballots must ~~shall~~ be printed on paper of

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890 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from
891 the back and must ~~shall~~ meet the specifications of the voting
892 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

893 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a
894 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual ~~marksense~~
895 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible voters
896 ~~electors~~. Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce
897 ~~marksense~~ vote-by-mail, early voting, and election-day ballots.

898 **Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida**
899 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

900 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No
901 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved
902 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

903 (4) ~~For systems using marksense ballots,~~ It accepts a
904 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to
905 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has
906 been overvoted or undervoted.

907 **Section 19. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is**
908 **amended to read:**

909 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating
910 ballot selections, all voting must be by official ~~marksense~~
911 ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with
912 the voting system. Persons with disabilities may vote using
913 ~~marking device or~~ a voter interface device that produces a
914 voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility

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915 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of
916 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

917 **Section 20. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section**
918 **101.5608, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

919 101.5608 Voting at the polls ~~by electronic or~~
920 ~~electromechanical method~~; procedures.—

921 (1) Each voter ~~elector~~ desiring to vote shall be
922 identified to the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly
923 qualified voter ~~elector~~ of such election and shall sign his or
924 her name on the precinct register or other form or device
925 provided by the supervisor. The inspector shall compare the
926 signature with the signature on the identification provided by
927 the voter ~~elector~~. If the inspector is reasonably sure that the
928 person is entitled to vote, the inspector shall provide the
929 person with a ballot.

930 (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system
931 utilizes a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~, the following
932 procedures must ~~shall~~ be followed to vote:

933 (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter
934 ~~elector~~ shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a
935 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or
936 her ballot, the voter ~~elector~~ shall place the ballot in a
937 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the
938 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

939 (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an

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940 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure
941 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be
942 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device
943 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be considered
944 spoiled and a new ballot must ~~shall~~ be provided to the voter
945 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The
946 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall
947 state the possible reasons for the rejection and ~~shall~~ provide
948 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled
949 ballot must ~~shall~~ be preserved, without examination, in an
950 envelope provided for that purpose. The stub must ~~shall~~ be
951 removed from the ballot and placed in an envelope.

952 (c) The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each
953 polling place at least one ballot box to contain the ballots of
954 a particular precinct, and each ballot box must ~~shall~~ be plainly
955 marked with the name of the precinct for which it is intended.

956 (3) The Department of State shall promulgate rules
957 regarding voting procedures to be used when an electronic or
958 electromechanical voting system is of a type which does not
959 utilize a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~.

960 **Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida**
961 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

962 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.-

963 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this
964 section shall employ test ballots created by the supervisor of

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965 elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the
966 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the
967 election, the supervisor shall also create test ballots using
968 the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to produce
969 ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as will be
970 used for ballots in the election.

971 **Section 22. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes, is amended**
972 **to read:**

973 101.591 Voting system automated independent vote
974 validation process; system approval; procedures audit.—

975 (1) Before ~~Immediately following~~ the certification of each
976 election, the county canvassing board or the local board
977 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct ~~a manual~~
978 ~~audit or~~ an automated, independent vote validation audit of the
979 voting systems used in all ~~randomly selected~~ precincts.

980 ~~(2) (a) A manual audit shall consist of a public manual~~
981 ~~tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that~~
982 ~~appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-~~
983 ~~day, vote by mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas~~
984 ~~ballots, in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the~~
985 ~~precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the~~
986 ~~local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1~~
987 ~~percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the~~
988 ~~audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at~~
989 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~

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990 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~
991 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

992 (2) (a) (b) An automated independent vote validation process
993 must ~~audit shall~~ consist of an a public automated verification
994 of the tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on
995 the ballot. The tally sheet must ~~shall~~ include all valid
996 election day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and
997 overseas ballots received by the start of the vote validation
998 process in all at least 20 percent of the precincts chosen at
999 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~
1000 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~
1001 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

1002 (b) (c) The division shall adopt rules for approval of an
1003 automated independent vote validation process ~~audit system~~ which
1004 provide that the process system, at a minimum, must be:

- 1005 1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.
- 1006 2. Fast enough to produce final vote validation ~~audit~~
1007 results within the timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).
- 1008 3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record
1009 have been accurately adjudicated by the automated independent
1010 vote validation process in agreement with the vote tabulation
1011 system and is capable of allowing the canvassing board to
1012 manually adjudicate ballots needing review. A canvassing board
1013 is not precluded from reviewing a digital image of a ballot
1014 corresponding to a physical paper ballot in conducting its

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1015 review audit system.

1016 (3) The canvassing board shall publish ~~post~~ a notice of
1017 the automated independent vote validation process audit,
1018 including the date, time, and place such process will occur, on
1019 the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor
1020 of election's website, or once in one or more newspapers of
1021 general circulation in the county in which the process will
1022 occur. Such process must be open to the public, ~~in four~~
1023 ~~conspicuous places in the county and on the home page of the~~
1024 ~~county supervisor of elections website.~~

1025 (4) The automated independent vote validation process
1026 ~~audit~~ must be completed and the results made public before the
1027 certification of the election by each county canvassing board
1028 and in accordance with s. 102.141 no later than 11:59 p.m. on
1029 ~~the 7th day following certification of the election by the~~
1030 ~~county canvassing board or the local board responsible for~~
1031 ~~certifying the election.~~

1032 (5) By December 15 of each general election year, the
1033 county canvassing board or the board responsible for certifying
1034 the election shall provide a report with the results of the
1035 automated independent vote validation process audit to the
1036 Department of State in a standard format as prescribed by the
1037 department under s. 101.5911. Each county's ~~The~~ report must be
1038 consolidated into one report and included with the overvote and
1039 undervote report required under s. 101.595(1). The report must,

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1040 at a minimum, shall contain all of, but is not limited to, the
1041 following items:

1042 (a) The overall agreement accuracy of the automated
1043 independent vote validation process audit.

1044 (b) A description of any problems or differences
1045 discrepancies encountered during the automated independent vote
1046 validation process.

1047 (c) The likely cause of such problems or differences
1048 discrepancies.

1049 (d) Any recommended corrective action with respect to
1050 avoiding or mitigating such circumstances in future elections.

1051 (6) The department shall consolidate the county automated
1052 independent vote validation results and include the results as
1053 part of the post-general election report submitted to the
1054 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
1055 House of Representatives by February 15 of each year following a
1056 general election as required under ss. 101.595(3) and
1057 102.141(11) If a manual recount is undertaken pursuant to s.
1058 102.166, the canvassing board is not required to perform the
1059 audit provided for in this section.

1060 **Section 23. Section 101.5911, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1061 **to read:**

1062 101.5911 Rulemaking authority for automated independent
1063 vote validation process approval; voting system audit
1064 procedures. ~~Effective upon this act becoming a law, The~~

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1065 department ~~of State~~ shall adopt rules to implement ~~the~~
1066 ~~provisions of s. 101.591, as amended by s. 8, chapter 2007-30,~~
1067 ~~Laws of Florida,~~ which provides for the testing and approval of
1068 an automated independent vote validation process, and prescribes
1069 ~~prescribe~~ detailed automated independent vote validation audit
1070 procedures for each voting system, which must ~~shall~~ be uniform
1071 to the extent practicable, along with the standard form for
1072 automated independent vote validation process audit reports.

1073 **Section 24. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.595,**
1074 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1075 101.595 Analysis of overvotes and undervotes ~~reports of~~
1076 ~~voting problems.-~~

1077 (1) No later than December 15 of each general election
1078 year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to
1079 the Department of State the total number of overvotes and
1080 undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor
1081 and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot
1082 or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot
1083 pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for
1084 such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be
1085 useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and
1086 identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which
1087 may have contributed to voter confusion. This report must be
1088 consolidated into one report with the automated independent vote
1089 validation audit report required under s. 101.591(6) ~~s.~~

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1090 ~~101.591(5).~~

1091 (3) The Department of State shall submit the overvote and
1092 undervote analysis required under subsection (2) as part of the
1093 post-general election report to the Governor, the President of
1094 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
1095 February 15 of each year following a general election as
1096 required under ss. 101.591(6) and 102.141(11).

1097 **Section 25. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (1) and**
1098 **paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 101.6102, Florida**
1099 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

1100 101.6102 Mail ballot elections; limitations.—

1101 (1)(a) An election may be conducted by mail ballot if:

1102 1. The election is a referendum election at which all or a
1103 portion of the qualified electors of one of the following
1104 subdivisions of government are the only electors eligible to
1105 vote:

1106 a. Counties;

1107 b. Cities;

1108 c. School districts covering no more than one county; or

1109 d. Special districts;

1110 2. The governing body responsible for calling the election
1111 and the supervisor of elections responsible for the conduct of
1112 the election authorize the use of mail ballots for the election;
1113 and

1114 3. The Secretary of State approves a written plan for the

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1115 | conduct of the election, which shall include a written timetable
1116 | for the conduct of the election, submitted by the supervisor of
1117 | elections.

1118 | (b) In addition, an annexation referendum which includes
1119 | only qualified electors of one county may also be voted on by
1120 | mail ballot election.

1121 | (c) The election is conducted to elect a trustee or
1122 | trustees of a rural electric cooperative under s. 425.10.

1123 | (2) The following elections may not be conducted by mail
1124 | ballot:

1125 | (a) An election, other than an election for a trustee or
1126 | trustees of a rural electric cooperative under s. 425.10, at
1127 | which any candidate is nominated, elected, retained, or
1128 | recalled; or

1129 | (b) An election held on the same date as another election,
1130 | other than a mail ballot election, in which the qualified
1131 | electors of that political subdivision are eligible to cast
1132 | ballots.

1133 | (4) (a) The costs of a mail ballot election shall be borne
1134 | by the jurisdiction initiating the calling of the election,
1135 | unless otherwise provided by law.

1136 | (b) The cost of a mail ballot election conducted pursuant
1137 | to paragraph (1)(c) shall be borne by the applicable rural
1138 | electric cooperative.

1139 | **Section 26. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**

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1140 **101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1141 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

1142 (4)

1143 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in
1144 substantially the following form:

1145 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE
1146 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR
1147 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1148 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will
1149 be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as
1150 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of
1151 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no
1152 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

1153 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
1154 Signature).

1155 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of
1156 identification:

1157 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification
1158 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;
1159 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway
1160 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport
1161 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; debit
1162 or credit card; military identification; student identification;
1163 retirement center identification; neighborhood association
1164 identification; public assistance identification; veteran health

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1165 identification card issued by the United States Department of
1166 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
1167 or firearm; or any ~~an employee~~ identification card issued by any
1168 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
1169 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1170 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1
1171 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and
1172 current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
1173 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
1174 voter information card).

1175 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
1176 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
1177 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),
1178 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with
1179 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of
1180 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and
1181 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your
1182 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no
1183 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your
1184 ballot will not count.

1185 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
1186 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
1187 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as
1188 attachments.

1189 **Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida**

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1190 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1191 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for
1192 certain first-time voters.-

1193 (2) A voter covered by this section must be provided with
1194 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in
1195 substantially the following form:

1196 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.
1197 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT
1198 TO COUNT.

1199 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will
1200 be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as
1201 possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the
1202 county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on
1203 the date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter
1204 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general
1205 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated
1206 no later than the date of the election and received by the
1207 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are
1208 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the
1209 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less
1210 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is
1211 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the
1212 election.

1213 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.
1214 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so

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1215 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1216 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for
1217 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote
1218 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in
1219 that race will not be counted.

1220 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy
1221 envelope and seal the envelope.

1222 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope
1223 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and
1224 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the
1225 envelope.

1226 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
1227 Signature).

1228 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date
1229 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or
1230 your ballot may not be counted.

1231 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and
1232 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate
1233 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at
1234 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the
1235 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the
1236 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for
1237 this election, send your signature update on a voter
1238 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that
1239 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

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1240 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you
1241 must make a copy of one of the following forms of
1242 identification:

1243 a. Identification which must include your name and
1244 photograph: United States passport or passport card; United
1245 States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; debit or credit
1246 card; military identification; student identification;
1247 retirement center identification; neighborhood association
1248 identification; public assistance identification; veteran health
1249 identification card issued by the United States Department of
1250 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
1251 or firearm; or any an employee identification card issued by any
1252 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
1253 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1254 b. Identification which shows your name and current
1255 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
1256 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
1257 voter information card).

1258 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply
1259 if you meet one of the following requirements:

- 1260 a. You are 65 years of age or older.
1261 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.
1262 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty
1263 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the
1264 county on election day.

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1265 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason
1266 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the
1267 county on election day.

1268 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to
1269 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active
1270 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on
1271 election day.

1272 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

1273 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into
1274 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy
1275 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR
1276 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR
1277 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR
1278 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1279 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing
1280 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

1281 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to
1282 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote
1283 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote
1284 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under
1285 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1286 **Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida**
1287 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1288 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

1289 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 9 &

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1290 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 9 & a.m. on
1291 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of
1292 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and
1293 for each constitutional amendment. On days the Legislature
1294 convenes for organizational session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art.
1295 III of the State Constitution, such meeting will begin at 8 a.m.
1296 If a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted
1297 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the
1298 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a
1299 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the
1300 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the
1301 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify
1302 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,
1303 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and
1304 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

1305 **Section 29. Subsections (3) through (11) of section**
1306 **102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1307 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1308 (3) The canvass, except the canvass of absent electors'
1309 returns and the canvass of provisional ballots, must ~~shall~~ be
1310 made from the returns and certificates of the inspectors as
1311 signed and filed by them with the supervisor, and the county
1312 canvassing board may ~~shall~~ not change the number of votes cast
1313 for a candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment, or other
1314 measure submitted to the electorate of the county, respectively,

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1315 in any polling place, as shown by the returns. All returns must
1316 ~~shall~~ be made to the board on or before 2 a.m. of the day
1317 following any primary, general, or other election. If the
1318 returns from any precinct are missing, if there are any
1319 omissions on the returns from any precinct, or if there is an
1320 obvious error on any such returns, the canvassing board must
1321 ~~shall~~ order a retabulation of the returns from such precinct.
1322 Before canvassing such returns, the canvassing board shall
1323 examine the tabulation of the ballots cast in such precinct and
1324 determine whether the returns correctly reflect the votes cast.
1325 If there is a discrepancy between the returns and the tabulation
1326 of the ballots cast, the tabulation of the ballots cast must
1327 ~~shall~~ be presumed correct and such votes shall be canvassed
1328 accordingly.

1329 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the
1330 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the
1331 day before the election the results of all early voting and
1332 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by
1333 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),
1334 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the
1335 results of such uploads may not be made public before the close
1336 of the polls on election day.

1337 (b) The supervisor of elections, on behalf of the
1338 canvassing board, shall report all early voting and all
1339 tabulated vote-by-mail results to the Department of State within

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1340 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing
1341 board shall report, with the exception of provisional ballot
1342 results, updated precinct election results, which must be
1343 uploaded to the department at least every 45 minutes until all
1344 results are completely reported. The supervisor of elections
1345 shall notify the department immediately of any circumstances
1346 that do not permit periodic updates as required. Results must
1347 ~~shall~~ be submitted in a format prescribed by the department.

1348 (5) (a) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
1349 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the
1350 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or
1351 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the
1352 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on
1353 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns
1354 must shall include the canvass of all ballots, including write-
1355 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

1356 (b) After unofficial results are reported, each county
1357 must conduct an automated independent vote validation process,
1358 in accordance with s. 101.591, to validate that the votes
1359 processed through the vote tabulation system for a candidate for
1360 any office, candidate for retention to a judicial office, or a
1361 measure appearing on the ballot do not:

1362 1. Have a discrepancy of more than one-half of a percent
1363 when compared to the results of the automated independent vote
1364 validation process; or

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1365 2. Result in a change in the outcome of the election.

1366
1367 The automated independent vote validation process must be
1368 completed no later than noon on the 6th day after any primary
1369 election and no later than noon on the 7th day after any general
1370 or other election.

1371 (c)-(6) If the county canvassing board determines, after
1372 the county conducts the automated independent vote validation
1373 process in accordance with s. 101.591, and the comparison of the
1374 results of the vote tabulation and the automated independent
1375 vote validation process indicates that the unofficial returns
1376 may contain a counting error in which the vote tabulation system
1377 or the automated independent vote validation process failed to
1378 count votes that were properly marked in accordance with the
1379 instructions on the ballot, the county canvassing board shall:

1380 1.-(a) Correct the error and retabulate the affected
1381 ballots with the vote tabulation system or the automated
1382 independent vote validation process; or

1383 2.-(b) Request that the Department of State verify the
1384 tabulation software of the affected system or process. When the
1385 Department of State verifies such software, the department shall
1386 compare the software used to tabulate the votes with the
1387 software filed with the department pursuant to s. 101.5607 and
1388 check the election parameters.

1389 (6) (a)-(7) If the comparison of the results of the vote

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1390 tabulation system and the automated independent vote validation
1391 process reflects a difference as described in paragraph (5) (b),
1392 the proper county election official under the oversight of the
1393 county canvassing board must conduct a system validation review
1394 using the images in the automated independent vote validation
1395 process of the ballots in disagreement, which must include, but
1396 is not limited to, a review of any clear overvotes or undervotes
1397 that appear in the automated independent vote validation process
1398 to adjudicate the voter's intent of such ballots before
1399 certification of the county's official results. If the
1400 unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was
1401 defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the
1402 votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention to a
1403 judicial office was retained or not retained by one-half of a
1404 percent or less of the votes cast on the question of retention,
1405 or that a measure appearing on the ballot was approved or
1406 rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on
1407 such measure, a system validation review must ~~recount~~ ~~shall~~ be
1408 ordered of the votes cast with respect to such office or
1409 measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering such
1410 system validation reviews ~~recounts~~ in all federal, state, and
1411 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or the local
1412 board responsible for certifying the election is responsible for
1413 ordering a system validation review under this subsection
1414 ~~recounts~~ in all other races. A system validation review ~~recount~~

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1415 need not be ordered with respect to the returns for any office,
1416 however, if the candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated
1417 from contention for such office by one-half of a percent or less
1418 of the votes cast for such office request in writing that a
1419 system validation review ~~recount~~ not be made.

1420 ~~(a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~
1421 ~~recount shall put each marksense ballot through automatic~~
1422 ~~tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly~~
1423 ~~reflect the votes cast. If any marksense ballot is physically~~
1424 ~~damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic~~
1425 ~~tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall~~
1426 ~~be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.~~
1427 ~~101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test~~
1428 ~~of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.~~
1429 ~~101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation~~
1430 ~~of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes~~
1431 ~~shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the~~
1432 ~~cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the~~
1433 ~~recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall~~
1434 ~~immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error~~
1435 ~~and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of~~
1436 ~~State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing~~
1437 ~~board shall file a separate incident report with the Department~~
1438 ~~of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying~~
1439 ~~any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.~~

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1440 ~~If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not~~
1441 ~~part of the voting system and the ballots have already been~~
1442 ~~processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not~~
1443 ~~required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating~~
1444 ~~equipment again.~~

1445 ~~(b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~
1446 ~~recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the~~
1447 ~~counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of~~
1448 ~~the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall~~
1449 ~~election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall~~
1450 ~~election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the~~
1451 ~~counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct~~
1452 ~~and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.~~

1453 ~~(c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in~~
1454 ~~formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial~~
1455 ~~returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,~~
1456 ~~state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns~~
1457 ~~shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any~~
1458 ~~primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after~~
1459 ~~any general election in which a recount was ordered by the~~
1460 ~~Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to~~
1461 ~~complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the~~
1462 ~~deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the~~
1463 ~~canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial~~
1464 ~~returns and the submission shall also include a detailed~~

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1465 ~~explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.~~
1466 ~~However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount~~
1467 ~~prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount~~
1468 ~~prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in~~
1469 ~~accordance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

1470 ~~(d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules~~
1471 ~~prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified~~
1472 ~~voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.~~

1473 ~~(b)(8)~~ The canvassing board may employ such clerical help
1474 to assist with the work of the board as it deems necessary, with
1475 at least one member of the board present at all times, until the
1476 canvass of the returns is completed. The clerical help must
1477 ~~shall~~ be paid from the same fund as inspectors and other
1478 necessary election officials.

1479 (c) The canvassing board shall publish notice of the
1480 system validation review, including the date, time, and place
1481 such review will occur, on the county website as provided in s.
1482 50.0311, on the supervisor of elections' website, or once in one
1483 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which
1484 the review will occur. Such review is open to the public.

1485 (d) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
1486 formats provided by the division a vote validation report to the
1487 department for each federal, state, or multicounty office or
1488 ballot measure in accordance with paragraph (5) (b). If the
1489 canvassing board is unable to complete the system validation

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1490 review by the deadline, the vote validation report submitted by
1491 the canvassing board must be identical to the initial unofficial
1492 returns and the submission must also include a detailed
1493 explanation of the reason the board was unable to timely
1494 complete the system validation review. However, the canvassing
1495 board shall complete the system validation review prescribed in
1496 this subsection, and certify official election returns, in
1497 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

1498 (e) The department shall adopt detailed rules prescribing
1499 additional system validation review procedures for each
1500 certified voting system, which must be uniform to the extent
1501 practicable.

1502 (7)-(9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate
1503 member of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must
1504 wear identification badges during any period in which the county
1505 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other
1506 official duties. The identification badges must ~~should~~ be worn
1507 in a conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of
1508 the individual and his or her official position.

1509 (8)-(10)(a) The supervisor shall file a report with the
1510 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later
1511 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission
1512 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe
1513 all of the following:

1514 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct

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1515 level, at a counting location, or within computer and
1516 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, or
1517 issues encountered with any state approved election system,
1518 including, but not limited to, vote tabulation systems and
1519 automated independent vote validation processes, and the steps
1520 that were taken to address the malfunctions.

1521 2. All election definition errors that were discovered
1522 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken
1523 to address the errors.

1524 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing
1525 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken
1526 to address the errors or problems.

1527 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by
1528 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the
1529 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during
1530 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to
1531 correct such issues.

1532 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment
1533 were insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.

1534 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or
1535 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

1536 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional
1537 information on any of the items required to be included in the
1538 report pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the
1539 supervisor must notify the division that new information has

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1540 been discovered no later than the next business day after the
1541 discovery, and the supervisor must file an amended report signed
1542 by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of the election
1543 within 10 days after the discovery.

1544 (c) Such reports must be maintained on file in the
1545 Division of Elections and must be available for public
1546 inspection.

1547 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election
1548 reports to determine what problems may be likely to occur in
1549 other elections and disseminate such information, along with
1550 possible solutions and training, to the supervisors of
1551 elections.

1552 (e) For the general election, the department shall submit
1553 the analysis of these reports for the post-general ~~general~~
1554 election report ~~as part of the consolidated reports~~ required
1555 under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor, the President of
1556 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
1557 February 15 of each year following a general election.

1558 ~~(11) The supervisor shall file with the department a copy~~
1559 ~~of or an export file from the results database of the county's~~
1560 ~~voting system and other statistical information as may be~~
1561 ~~required by the department, the Legislature, or the Election~~
1562 ~~Assistance Commission. The department shall adopt rules~~
1563 ~~establishing the required content and acceptable formats for the~~
1564 ~~filings and time for filings.~~

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1565 **Section 30. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1566 **to read:**

1567 102.166 Manual review ~~recounts~~ of overvotes and undervotes
1568 in contests.—

1569 (1) If the vote tabulation system indicates and automated
1570 independent vote validation process conducted under ss. 101.591
1571 and 102.141 confirms ~~second set of unofficial returns pursuant~~
1572 ~~to s. 102.141 indicates~~ that a candidate for any office was
1573 defeated or eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of
1574 the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention
1575 to a judicial office was retained or not retained by one-quarter
1576 of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question of
1577 retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was
1578 approved or rejected by one-quarter of a percent or less of the
1579 votes cast on such measure, a manual review ~~recount~~ of the
1580 overvotes and undervotes cast in the entire geographic
1581 jurisdiction of such office or ballot measure must ~~shall~~ be
1582 ordered and conducted in a manner consistent with s. 102.141(6)
1583 unless:

1584 (a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated
1585 from contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the
1586 votes cast for such office request in writing that a manual
1587 review ~~recount~~ not be made; or

1588 (b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than
1589 the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the

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1592 The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering manual
1593 reviews of all a manual recount for federal, state, and
1594 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or local board
1595 responsible for certifying the election is responsible for
1596 ordering a manual review ~~recount~~ for all other races. A manual
1597 review ~~recount~~ consists of a review by a designee of the
1598 canvassing board ~~recount~~ of paper ~~marksense~~ ballots or of
1599 digital images from an independent vote validation system, if
1600 applicable ~~of these ballots by a person.~~

1601 (2) Any hardware or software used to identify and sort
1602 overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must
1603 be certified by the Department of State. Any such hardware or
1604 software must be capable of simultaneously identifying and
1605 sorting overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while
1606 simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes and undervotes must be
1607 identified and sorted while conducting the automated independent
1608 vote validation process ~~recounting ballots~~ pursuant to s.
1609 102.141. Overvotes and undervotes must ~~may~~ be identified and
1610 sorted physically or digitally.

1611 (3) Any manual review must ~~recount shall~~ be open to the
1612 public. Each political party may designate one person with
1613 expertise in the computer field who must be allowed in the
1614 central counting room when the manual review is being conducted

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1615 and when the official votes are being counted. The designee may
1616 not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

1617 (4) (a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure must ~~shall~~
1618 be counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the
1619 voter has made a definite choice.

1620 (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for
1621 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified
1622 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication
1623 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The
1624 rules must ~~shall~~ be consistent, to the extent practicable, and
1625 may not:

1626 1. Authorize the use of any electronic or
1627 electromechanical reading device to review a hybrid voting
1628 system ballot that is produced using a voter interface device
1629 and that contains both machine-readable fields and machine-
1630 printed text of the contest titles and voter selections, unless
1631 the printed text is illegible;

1632 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark
1633 or designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

1634 3. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify
1635 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication
1636 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1637 (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must
1638 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

1639 1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a

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1640 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or
1641 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to
1642 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

1643 2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
1644 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a
1645 similar name.

1646 3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
1647 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar
1648 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as
1649 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the
1650 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle
1651 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,
1652 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation
1653 of a political party.

1654 4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified
1655 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which
1656 the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the
1657 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or
1658 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

1659 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a
1660 candidate is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political
1661 party to which the candidate does not belong, including those in
1662 which the party designated has another candidate in the race or
1663 does not have a candidate in the race.

1664 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,

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1665 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that
1666 the same political party designation applies to all listed
1667 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed
1668 ballot measures.

1669 7. Situations in which an elector designates the name of a
1670 qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

1671 8. Situations in which an elector designates an otherwise
1672 correct office name that includes an incorrect district number.

1673 (5) Procedures for a manual review ~~recount~~ are as follows:

1674 (a) The county canvassing board shall appoint as many
1675 counting teams of at least two electors as is necessary to
1676 manually review ~~recount~~ the ballots. A counting team must have,
1677 when possible, members of at least two political parties. A
1678 candidate involved in the race may ~~shall~~ not be a member of the
1679 counting team.

1680 (b) Each duplicate ballot prepared pursuant to s.
1681 101.5614(4) or s. 102.141(6) must ~~s. 102.141(7) shall~~ be
1682 compared with the original ballot to ensure the correctness of
1683 the duplicate.

1684 (c) If a counting team is unable to determine whether the
1685 ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made a
1686 definite choice, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be presented to the
1687 county canvassing board for a determination.

1688 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules
1689 prescribing additional review ~~recount~~ procedures for each

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1690 certified voting system which must ~~shall~~ be uniform to the
1691 extent practicable. The rules must, at a minimum, ~~shall~~ address,
1692 ~~at a minimum,~~ the following areas:

1693 1. Security of ballots during the manual review ~~recount~~
1694 ~~process.~~

1695 2. Time and place of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~

1696 3. Public observance of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~

1697 4. Objections to ballot determinations.

1698 5. Record of manual review ~~recount~~ proceedings.

1699 6. Procedures relating to candidate and petitioner
1700 representatives.

1701 7. Procedures relating to the certification and the use of
1702 automatic tabulating equipment that is not part of a voting
1703 system.

1704 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county canvassing
1705 board or local board involved in the manual review ~~recount~~ from
1706 comparing a digital image of a ballot to the corresponding
1707 physical paper ballot during a manual review ~~recount~~.

1708 **Section 31. Effective July 1, 2026, section 104.042,**
1709 **Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

1710 104.042 Limitations on actions for election fraud.—A
1711 prosecution for a felony violation under the Election Code must
1712 be commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is
1713 committed.

1714 **Section 32. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraphs (c) through**

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1715 **(g) are added to subsection (12) of section 106.08, Florida**
1716 **Statutes, and paragraph (a) of that section is amended, and**
1717 **paragraph (b) of the subsection is reenacted, to read:**

1718 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

1719 (12)(a)1. For purposes of this subsection, the term
1720 "foreign national" means:

1721 a. A foreign government;

1722 b. A foreign political party;

1723 c. A foreign corporation, partnership, association,
1724 organization, or other combination of persons organized under
1725 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a
1726 foreign country;

1727 d. A person with foreign citizenship; or

1728 e. A person who is not a citizen or national of the United
1729 States and is not lawfully admitted to the United States for
1730 permanent residence.

1731 2. The term does not include:

1732 a. A person who is a dual citizen or dual national of the
1733 United States and a foreign country.

1734 b. A domestic subsidiary of a foreign corporation,
1735 partnership, association, organization, or other combination of
1736 persons organized under the laws of or having its principal
1737 place of business in a foreign country if:

1738 (I) The donations and disbursements used toward a
1739 contribution or an expenditure are derived entirely from funds

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1740 generated by the subsidiary's operations in the United States;
1741 and

1742 (II) All decisions concerning donations and disbursements
1743 used toward a contribution or an expenditure are made by
1744 individuals who either hold United States citizenship or are
1745 permanent residents of the United States. For purposes of this
1746 sub-sub-subparagraph, decisions concerning donations and
1747 disbursements do not include decisions regarding the
1748 subsidiary's overall budget for contributions or expenditures in
1749 connection with an election or decisions regarding the
1750 subsidiary's support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1751 (b) A foreign national may not make or offer to make,
1752 directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in
1753 connection with any election held in the state.

1754 (c) A political party, a political committee, an
1755 electioneering communications organization, or a candidate may
1756 not knowingly and willfully accept or solicit, directly or
1757 indirectly, a contribution from a foreign national in connection
1758 with any election held in this state.

1759 (d) A person, acting either alone or jointly with,
1760 through, or on behalf of another person, who has knowingly and
1761 willfully received monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from
1762 one or more foreign nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding
1763 \$100,000 over the preceding 4 years, may not make a contribution
1764 or independent expenditure:

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1765 1. To a political committee supporting or opposing an
1766 issue in this state; or

1767 2. In support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1768 (e) A political committee supporting or opposing an issue
1769 in this state may not knowingly and willfully accept
1770 contributions from a person, acting either alone or jointly
1771 with, through, or on behalf of another person, who has received
1772 monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more foreign
1773 nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding \$100,000 over the
1774 preceding 4 years.

1775 (f) For purposes of compliance with subsections (d) and
1776 (e), monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more
1777 foreign nationals received by a domestic subsidiary who meets
1778 the requirements of subparagraph (a)2. shall not count towards
1779 the \$100,000 aggregate threshold provided in subsections (d) and
1780 (e), as long as the monetary or in-kind donations or gifts
1781 received are not used for political activity by the domestic
1782 subsidiary.

1783 (g) A person or entity who violates this subsection
1784 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
1785 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall also be subject
1786 to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount contributed.
1787 Such penalty shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund. Any
1788 penalty imposed against a person that is not an individual
1789 jointly and severally attaches to the chair of the entity if the

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1790 entity does not pay the penalty within 30 days. The Florida
1791 Elections Commission shall be responsible for determining
1792 violations, imposing civil penalties, and collecting any unpaid
1793 civil penalties. The Florida Elections Commission shall report
1794 any violations of this subsection to the Office of Election
1795 Crimes and Security to include in the department's report under
1796 s. 97.022.

1797 **Section 33. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created**
1798 **to read:**

1799 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver
1800 licenses and identification cards.—

1801 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida
1802 identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a
1803 United States citizen as last recorded in the system must
1804 include the legal status of United States citizen on the license
1805 or card at the time of issuance, renewal, or replacement.

1806 (2) Notwithstanding this chapter, the department shall
1807 issue, at no charge, a renewal or replacement license or card if
1808 a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status
1809 upon becoming a citizen of the United States as required in s.
1810 322.19.

1811 **Section 34. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (1) of**
1812 **section 425.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1813 425.10 Board of trustees.—

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1814 (1) The business and affairs of a cooperative shall be
1815 managed by a board of not less than five trustees, each of whom
1816 shall be a member of the cooperative or of another cooperative
1817 which shall be a member thereof. The bylaws must ~~shall~~ prescribe
1818 the number of trustees, their qualifications, other than those
1819 provided for in this chapter, and the manner of holding meetings
1820 of the board of trustees ~~and of the election of successors to~~
1821 ~~trustees who shall resign, die, or otherwise be incapable of~~
1822 ~~acting. The bylaws may also provide for the removal of trustees~~
1823 ~~from office and for the election of their successors.~~ Without
1824 approval of the members, trustees may ~~shall~~ not receive any
1825 salaries for their services as trustees and, except in
1826 emergencies, shall not be employed by the cooperative in any
1827 capacity involving compensation. The bylaws may, however,
1828 provide that a fixed fee and expenses of attendance, if any, may
1829 be allowed to each trustee for attendance at each meeting of the
1830 board of trustees and that such may be allowed for the
1831 performance of other cooperative business, provided it has prior
1832 approval of the board of trustees.

1833 (2) The trustees of a cooperative named in any articles of
1834 incorporation, consolidation, merger, or conversion, as the case
1835 may be, shall hold office until ~~the next following annual~~
1836 ~~meeting of the members or until~~ their successors are ~~shall have~~
1837 ~~been~~ elected under subsection (3) and qualified. ~~At each annual~~
1838 ~~meeting or, in case of failure to hold the annual meeting as~~

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1839 ~~specified in the bylaws, at a special meeting called for that~~
1840 ~~purpose, the members shall elect trustees to hold office until~~
1841 ~~the next following annual meeting of the members, except as~~
1842 ~~hereinafter otherwise provided.~~ Each trustee shall hold office
1843 for a the term of four years for which he or she is elected or
1844 until a successor has ~~shall~~ have been elected ~~and qualified.~~ If
1845 a seat on the board becomes vacant, the board shall conduct an
1846 election under subsection (3), as soon as practicable, to elect
1847 a successor for the remainder of the term.

1848 ~~(3) The bylaws may provide that, in lieu of electing the~~
1849 ~~whole number of trustees annually, the trustees may be divided~~
1850 ~~into three classes at the first or any subsequent annual~~
1851 ~~meeting, each class to be as nearly equal in number as possible,~~
1852 ~~with the term of office of the trustees of the first class to~~
1853 ~~expire at the next succeeding annual meeting and the term of~~
1854 ~~the second class to expire at the second succeeding annual~~
1855 ~~meeting and the term of the third class to expire at the third~~
1856 ~~succeeding annual meeting. At each annual meeting after such~~
1857 ~~classification, a number of trustees equal to the number of the~~
1858 ~~class whose term expires at the time of such meeting shall be~~
1859 ~~elected to hold office until the third succeeding annual~~
1860 ~~meeting.~~

1861 (3) (a) Each election of a trustee to serve a term that
1862 begins on or after January 1, 2027, or to complete the remainder
1863 of a term due to vacancy on or after such date, shall be

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1864 conducted by the supervisor of elections for each county in
1865 which a member receives service from the cooperative. If the
1866 bylaws establish voting districts under s. 425.11, the election
1867 of a trustee for a voting district shall be conducted by the
1868 supervisor of elections for each county in which a member
1869 receives service from the cooperative within that voting
1870 district.

1871 (b) For elections conducted under this subsection, the
1872 bylaws must prescribe processes under which:

1873 1. Members may nominate one or more individuals for
1874 election as a trustee or as a successor to a trustee.

1875 2. The board of trustees shall determine who meets the
1876 qualifications for trustees set forth in this chapter and in the
1877 bylaws.

1878 3. A nominee who is determined by the board to not meet
1879 the qualifications may challenge the decision of the board.

1880 4. The identity of each person certified for election as a
1881 trustee to serve each full term or partial term created by a
1882 vacancy is submitted to the appropriate supervisor of elections
1883 in a form and timeframe required by each supervisor of
1884 elections.

1885 5. The identity and mailing address of each member of the
1886 cooperative eligible to participate in the election is submitted
1887 to the appropriate supervisor of elections in a form and
1888 timeframe required by each supervisor of elections.

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1889 6. The supervisor of elections shall publicly post on his
1890 or her website the election returns, which shall be deemed the
1891 certified results, unless a recount is ordered. If a recount is
1892 ordered, the results of the final recount shall be posted on the
1893 supervisor's website and shall constitute the certified results.

1894 a. A recount shall be ordered by the supervisor or
1895 supervisors if the returns for the cooperative's entire
1896 geographic jurisdiction reflect that a candidate was defeated or
1897 eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast
1898 for the office. In such case, the supervisor or supervisors
1899 shall, as soon as practicable following the initial tabulation,
1900 conduct a machine recount, unless the candidate or candidates
1901 defeated from contention by one-half percent or less of the
1902 votes cast for such office request in writing that a recount not
1903 be made.

1904 b. If the results of the recount in sub-subparagraph a.
1905 indicate that a candidate for any office was defeated or
1906 eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of the votes cast
1907 for the office, a manual recount of the overvotes and undervotes
1908 cast in the entire geographic jurisdiction of such office shall
1909 be ordered by the supervisor or supervisors unless:

1910 (I) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated
1911 from contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the
1912 votes cast for such office request in writing that a recount not
1913 be made; or

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1914 (II) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than
1915 the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the
1916 election.

1917 7. The results certified by each supervisor of elections
1918 are received by the board, made available to members, and, if
1919 applicable, aggregated to determine the outcome of the election.
1920 However, the certified returns listed on a supervisor's website
1921 may not be altered or challenged by the board.

1922 (c) Elections under this subsection shall be conducted by
1923 mail ballot pursuant to ss. 101.6101-101.6107. Notwithstanding
1924 any law to the contrary, the costs of the election shall be
1925 borne by the cooperative.

1926 **Section 35.** Effective July 1, 2026, the trustees of a
1927 cooperative that are serving on the board on January 1, 2027,
1928 shall retain their seats until an election has occurred. The
1929 initial election shall occur no later than March 31, 2027. To
1930 provide for staggered terms, seats on the board shall be elected
1931 as follows:

1932 (1) For boards composed of an odd number of trustees, a
1933 bare majority of seats will be chosen by lot to serve a term of
1934 four years and the remainder will serve a term of two years.

1935 (2) For boards composed of an even number of trustees,
1936 half of the seats will be chosen by lot to serve a term of four
1937 years and the other half will serve a term of two years.

1938 **Section 36. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph (d) of**

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1939 **subsection (8) of section 895.02, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1940 **to read:**

1941 895.02 Definitions.—As used in ss. 895.01-895.08, the
1942 term:

1943 (8) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to
1944 commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or
1945 intimidate another person to commit:

1946 (d) Any ~~A violation of chapter 104 the Florida Election~~
1947 ~~Code relating to irregularities or fraud involving issue~~
1948 ~~petition activities.~~

1949 **Section 37. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 98.065,**
1950 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1951 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

1952 (5) A notice may not be issued pursuant to this section
1953 and a voter's name may not be removed from the statewide voter
1954 registration system later than 90 days prior to the date of a
1955 federal election. However, this section does not preclude the
1956 correction of registration records based on information
1957 submitted by the voter or removal of the name of a voter from
1958 the statewide voter registration system at any time upon the
1959 voter's written request, by reason of the voter's death, or upon
1960 a determination of the voter's ineligibility as provided in s.
1961 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~.

1962 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual
1963 review of voter registration records to identify registration

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1964 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may
1965 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those
1966 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has
1967 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the
1968 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant
1969 to s. 98.075(7) ~~s. 98.075(6)~~ and (8) ~~(7)~~.

1970 **Section 38. Section 98.0755, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1971 **to read:**

1972 98.0755 Appeal of determination of ineligibility.—Appeal
1973 of the supervisor's determination of ineligibility pursuant to
1974 s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ may be taken to the circuit court in
1975 and for the county where the person was registered. Notice of
1976 appeal must be filed within the time and in the manner provided
1977 by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and acts as
1978 supersedeas. Trial in the circuit court is de novo and governed
1979 by the rules of that court. Unless the person can show that his
1980 or her name was erroneously or illegally removed from the
1981 statewide voter registration system, or that he or she is
1982 indigent, the person must bear the costs of the trial in the
1983 circuit court. Otherwise, the cost of the appeal must be paid by
1984 the supervisor of elections.

1985 **Section 39. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**
1986 **101.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1987 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for
1988 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.—

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1989 (1)
1990 (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections
1991 shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person
1992 to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~
1993 ~~98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final determination of eligibility has
1994 not been made, and shall treat them as provisional ballots for
1995 individual review by the county canvassing board. The supervisor
1996 shall attempt to contact each voter whose ballot has been set
1997 aside under this paragraph in the same manner as if the voter
1998 had voted a provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

1999 **Section 40. Subsection (2) of section 104.16, Florida**
2000 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2001 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.—

2002 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom
2003 notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ and
2004 who votes a provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a
2005 final determination of eligibility is made.

2006 **Section 41.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
2007 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
2008 becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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2011 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

2012 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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2013 An act relating to election integrity; amending s.
2014 97.021, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s.
2015 97.022, F.S.; revising the information the Department
2016 of State is required to include in a specified report;
2017 amending s. 97.0291, F.S.; providing that
2018 reimbursement by a rural electric cooperative for the
2019 costs of administration for a specified election is
2020 not subject to provisions prohibiting certain agencies
2021 and state and local officials from soliciting,
2022 accepting, or otherwise using private funds or certain
2023 personal services for election-related expenses;
2024 amending s. 97.051, F.S.; requiring persons to swear
2025 or affirm they have reviewed the voter registration
2026 instructions, are a United States citizen, and
2027 understand the penalties for providing false
2028 information; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; requiring the
2029 voter registration application to elicit documentation
2030 required by the United States Election Assistance
2031 Commission or federal law; amending s. 97.0525, F.S.;
2032 requiring that an applicant's citizenship status be
2033 verified by the records of the Department of Highway
2034 Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that an applicant
2035 will be registered as an unverified voter, but may not
2036 vote, if his or her legal status as a United States
2037 citizen cannot be verified through the Department of

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2038 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the
2039 online voter registration system to transmit certain
2040 information to the supervisor of elections and
2041 generate certain notices; requiring the supervisor of
2042 elections to verify the legal status of certain
2043 applicants and provide certain notice; providing that,
2044 under specified circumstances, the online voter
2045 registration system may populate the applicant's
2046 information into a printable voter registration
2047 application; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring an
2048 applicant's legal status to be verified for a voter
2049 registration application to be valid; providing that
2050 an applicant will be deemed an unverified voter if his
2051 or her application fails to meet specified
2052 requirements; requiring an applicant to provide
2053 certain evidence to the supervisor of elections to
2054 prove the applicant's legal status under specified
2055 circumstances; providing for retroactivity; providing
2056 certain applicants a provisional ballot and such
2057 ballot may only be counted if the applicant can verify
2058 his or her legal status within a specified timeframe;
2059 amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2060 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide the
2061 Department of State documentary proof of an
2062 applicant's citizenship; amending s. 98.015, F.S.;

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2063 | authorizing the office of the supervisor of elections
2064 | to close to observe certain holidays under a specified
2065 | condition; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; requiring
2066 | supervisors to make certain determinations relating to
2067 | applicants who were previously registered to vote, but
2068 | later removed for ineligibility, and to follow
2069 | specified procedures to notify the applicant, if
2070 | applicable; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; requiring the
2071 | Department of State to verify the United States
2072 | citizenship status of any registered voter after a
2073 | specified date; requiring specified notices regarding
2074 | an applicant's potential ineligibility to vote;
2075 | requiring certain applicants to submit specified
2076 | information to the supervisor of elections; requiring
2077 | certain documentation be recorded in the statewide
2078 | voter registration system; amending s. 98.093, F.S.;
2079 | requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
2080 | Vehicles to provide the Department of State with
2081 | information identifying United States citizens who
2082 | have been issued a new, renewed, or replacement
2083 | Florida driver license or Florida identification card;
2084 | requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
2085 | Vehicles to provide the Department of State with
2086 | changes in residence address and Florida driver
2087 | license or identification card numbers of individuals

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2088 | who have declined to register or update their voter
2089 | registration; creating s. 98.094, F.S.; requiring the
2090 | Division of Elections to provide a list of registered
2091 | voters to federal courts for a specified purpose;
2092 | requiring the jury coordinator to prepare a specified
2093 | list with certain information and send such list to
2094 | the division; specifying the manner in which such list
2095 | may be sent; requiring the division to provide such
2096 | information to the appropriate supervisor of
2097 | elections; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; specifying that a
2098 | person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate
2099 | must be a registered member of a political party, or
2100 | registered without any party affiliation, for 365
2101 | consecutive days preceding the beginning of the
2102 | qualifying for an election; providing that compliance
2103 | with specified requirements is mandatory; authorizing
2104 | qualified candidates or certain political parties to
2105 | challenge compliance with specified provisions by
2106 | filing an action for declaratory and injunctive relief
2107 | in a specified circuit court; prohibiting a person
2108 | from being qualified as a candidate for nomination or
2109 | election and appearing on the ballot under specified
2110 | circumstances; entitling certain candidates and
2111 | political parties to specified expedited hearings and
2112 | consideration; requiring the supervisor of elections

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2113 to remove certain candidates from the ballot or
2114 provide certain notice that votes for certain
2115 disqualified candidates will not be counted; amending
2116 s. 101.043, F.S.; revising the forms of identification
2117 required to be provided at polls; amending ss.
2118 101.048, 101.151, 101.5606, 101.5608, and 101.5612,
2119 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
2120 act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; requiring voting be
2121 completed on an official ballot using a pen or marker;
2122 amending s. 101.591, F.S.; removing provisions
2123 relating to the performance of a manual audit;
2124 requiring the county canvassing board or other local
2125 board responsible for certifying an election to
2126 conduct an automated, independent vote validation of
2127 voting systems used in all precincts; providing the
2128 process for conducting such automated, independent
2129 vote validation; requiring the canvassing board to
2130 publish a specified notice on the county's website,
2131 the supervisor's website, or in certain newspapers;
2132 requiring that the vote validation be completed and
2133 made public before the certification of the election;
2134 providing reporting requirements for county canvassing
2135 boards; requiring the results of the vote validation
2136 be included in a specified report submitted to the
2137 Governor and Legislature by a specified date each

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2138 year; amending s. 101.5911, F.S.; requiring the
2139 Department of State to adopt certain rules; amending
2140 s. 101.595, F.S.; revising certain reporting
2141 requirements for the Department of State; amending s.
2142 101.6102, F.S.; authorizing an election to be
2143 conducted by mail ballot if such election is conducted
2144 to elect certain trustees of a rural electric
2145 cooperative; providing that the cost of such election
2146 must be borne by the applicable rural electric
2147 cooperative; amending ss. 101.68 and 101.6923, F.S.;
2148 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
2149 amending s. 102.111, F.S.; revising the meeting time
2150 for the Elections Canvassing Commission; amending s.
2151 102.141, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
2152 reporting election results; requiring counties to
2153 conduct an automated independent vote validation
2154 process for a specified purpose within a specified
2155 timeframe after unofficial results are reported;
2156 requiring the county canvassing board to take
2157 specified actions upon making a determination that the
2158 automated independent vote validation process failed
2159 to count votes; requiring the county canvassing board
2160 to conduct a system validation review under specified
2161 circumstances; removing provisions relating to
2162 recounts by the county canvassing board; requiring the

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2163 county canvassing board to publish certain notice
2164 containing manual review information through specified
2165 means; requiring the county canvassing board to submit
2166 to the Department of State specified forms containing
2167 a vote validation report; removing the requirement for
2168 the supervisor to file with the Department of State
2169 certain results and statistical information; amending
2170 s. 102.166, F.S.; requiring manual reviews of
2171 overvotes and undervotes unless certain conditions
2172 exist; providing that the Secretary of State is
2173 responsible for ordering such review in specified
2174 races and the county canvassing board, or local board
2175 responsible for certifying the election, is
2176 responsible for ordering such reviews in all other
2177 races; authorizing political parties to designate a
2178 certain expert to be allowed in the central counting
2179 room while reviews are being performed; prohibiting
2180 such person from interfering with the normal operation
2181 of the canvassing board; creating s. 104.042, F.S.;
2182 providing a statute of limitations period for election
2183 fraud; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; revising the
2184 contributions or expenditures that a foreign national
2185 is prohibited from making or offering to make;
2186 prohibiting certain persons from accepting specified
2187 contributions; prohibiting certain persons from making

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2188 specified contributions or expenditures; providing an
2189 exception to such prohibition; providing penalties;
2190 creating s. 322.034, F.S.; requiring that Florida
2191 driver licenses and identification cards include
2192 certain information by a specified date; requiring the
2193 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
2194 issue certain replacement or renewal cards at no
2195 charge; amending s. 425.10, F.S.; revising the term
2196 limit and manner in which trustees or successors of
2197 trustees of rural electric cooperatives are nominated
2198 and elected; authorizing a recount procedure of such
2199 election under certain circumstances; authorizing such
2200 election to be conducted by mail ballot; requiring the
2201 cost of such election to be borne by the rural
2202 electric cooperative; providing staggered terms for
2203 trustees of a cooperative; amending s. 895.02, F.S.;
2204 revising the definition of the term "racketeering
2205 activity"; amending ss. 98.065, 98.0755, 101.67, and
2206 104.16, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing
2207 effective dates.

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