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17 for completing the Florida Voter Registration Application. I
18 understand that if I have provided false information on this
19 application, I could be subject to criminal penalties for
20 perjury, fines, or imprisonment, and deportation from the United
21 States if I am not a United States citizen."

22 **Section 4. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of**
23 **section 97.052, Florida Statutes, to read:**

24 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

25 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application
26 must be designed to elicit the following information from the
27 applicant:

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

30 **Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida**
31 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

32 97.0525 Online voter registration.—

33 (4) (a) The online voter registration system shall compare
34 the Florida driver license number or Florida identification
35 number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with information
36 maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
37 Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the
38 application are consistent with the records of the Department of
39 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the applicant's legal
40 status as a United States citizen can be verified by the records
41 of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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42 (b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are
43 consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety
44 and Motor Vehicles, and the applicant's legal status as a United
45 States citizen can be verified by the records of the Department
46 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the online voter
47 registration system shall transmit, using the statewide voter
48 registration system maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the
49 applicant's registration application, along with the digital
50 signature of the applicant on file with the Department of
51 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of
52 elections. The applicant's digital signature satisfies the
53 signature requirement of s. 97.052(2)(q).

54 (c) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be
55 verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and
56 Motor Vehicles, ~~or if the applicant indicated that he or she has~~
57 ~~not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida~~
58 ~~identification card,~~ the online voter registration system shall
59 populate the applicant's information except for the applicant's
60 personal identifying number into a printable voter registration
61 application pursuant to s. 97.052(2) which ~~and direct~~ the
62 applicant may ~~to~~ print, complete any required field, sign, and
63 date the application and deliver the application to the
64 supervisor of elections for disposition pursuant to s. 97.073.

65 (d)1. If the applicant's legal status as a United States
66 citizen cannot be verified by the records of the Department of

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67 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the applicant will be
68 registered as an unverified voter provided all other
69 requirements have been met. The unverified voter will not be
70 allowed to vote until he or she has provided sufficient evidence
71 of citizenship to the supervisor of elections. The online voter
72 registration system must transmit, using the statewide voter
73 registration system maintained under s. 98.035, the applicant's
74 registration application, along with the digital signature of
75 the applicant on file with the Department of Highway Safety and
76 Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
77 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
78 97.052(2)(q). The system must generate a notice to the
79 supervisor of elections and to the applicant which states that
80 the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen cannot
81 be verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
82 Vehicles and that the applicant must provide to the supervisor
83 of elections sufficient evidence of his or her United States
84 citizenship and the supervisor of elections must verify the
85 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen before the
86 applicant may vote. Such notice must include a list of documents
87 acceptable as evidence United States citizenship as set forth in
88 s. 98.075(6)(c).

89 2. The supervisor of elections shall verify the legal
90 status of an applicant identified by the Department of Highway
91 Safety and Motor Vehicle as a person who is potentially not a

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92 United States citizen. If the supervisor determines based on
93 credible and reliable information that the applicant is
94 potentially ineligible to vote because he or she is not a United
95 States citizen, the supervisor must provide notice to the
96 applicant in accordance with s. 98.075(8). Such notice must
97 include the list of documents acceptable as evidence of United
98 States citizenship as set forth in s. 98.075(6)(c).

99 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been
100 issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card,
101 or chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to
102 print, sign, and deliver, the online voter registration system
103 must populate the applicant's information into a uniform
104 statewide voter registration application under s. 97.052(2) and
105 direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application
106 and deliver the application to the supervisor of elections for
107 disposition under s. 97.073.

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

110 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

111 (2) A voter registration application is complete and
112 becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant
113 when all information necessary to establish the applicant's
114 eligibility under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 97.041 is received by a voter
115 registration official and verified under ~~pursuant to~~ subsection
116 (6). Except as provided in subsection (6), if the applicant

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117 fails to complete his or her voter registration application on
118 or before ~~prior to~~ the date of book closing for an election,
119 ~~then~~ such applicant is ~~shall~~ not be eligible to vote in that
120 election.

121 (6) (a) A voter registration application, including an
122 application with a change in name, address, or party
123 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department
124 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the Florida
125 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,
126 or the last four digits of the social security number provided
127 by the applicant and the applicant's legal status as a United
128 States citizen has been verified or recorded as verified in the
129 statewide voter registration system. If a completed voter
130 registration application has been received by the book-closing
131 deadline but the Florida driver license number, the Florida
132 identification card number, or the last four digits of the
133 social security number provided by the applicant or the
134 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen, whichever
135 is applicable, cannot be verified, the applicant must ~~shall~~ be
136 notified that ~~the number cannot be verified and that the~~
137 applicant must provide ~~evidence~~ to the supervisor evidence
138 sufficient to verify the authenticity of the ~~applicant's driver~~
139 ~~license number, Florida identification card number, or last four~~
140 ~~digits of the social security number~~ or provide one of the
141 documents acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship

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142 set forth s. 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable. An applicant
143 whose application does not meet the requirements of this
144 subsection is deemed an unverified voter until the requirements
145 have been met.

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

149 (c) If the application is to update to the voter's record
150 with a change in name, address, or party affiliation, whichever
151 is applicable, the change is retroactive to the date the
152 application was initially received and the necessary
153 documentation is verified.

154 (d) If the applicant has not provided the necessary
155 evidence to validate the applicant's number or citizenship as
156 required under paragraph (a) before ~~or the number has not~~
157 ~~otherwise been verified prior to~~ the applicant appears
158 ~~presenting himself or herself to vote, the applicant must shall~~
159 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must
160 ~~shall~~ be counted pursuant to s. 101.048, only if the requisite
161 verification occurs ~~number is verified~~ by the end of the
162 canvassing period or if the applicant presents ~~evidence~~ to the
163 supervisor of elections evidence sufficient to verify the
164 authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver license number,
165 Florida identification card number, ~~or~~ last four digits of the
166 social security number, or provides one of the documents

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167 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship set forth s.
168 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable, no later than 5 p.m. of
169 the second day following the election.

170 **Section 7. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 97.057,**
171 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

172 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
173 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

174 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
175 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match
176 information in the statewide voter registration system with
177 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety
178 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy
179 of a person's Florida ~~the~~ driver license number, Florida
180 identification number, ~~or~~ last four digits of his or her ~~the~~
181 social security number, or legal status as a United States
182 citizen, as applicable, provided on applications for voter
183 registration as required in s. 97.053. The department shall also
184 include the documentary proof that the applicant provided in
185 support of his or her United States citizenship.

186 (13) Notwithstanding a declination to register or to
187 update a voter registration pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)2.,
188 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall, in
189 accordance with s. 98.093(8), ~~must~~ assist the Department of
190 State in ~~regularly~~ identifying changes in residence address or
191 number on the Florida driver license or Florida identification

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192 card of persons who may be voters of a voter. The Department of
193 State must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor
194 of elections who must change the voter's registration records in
195 accordance with s. 98.065(4).

196 **Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida**
197 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

198 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of
199 office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents,
200 office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy
201 supervisors; duties.—

202 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be
203 open Monday through Friday, ~~excluding legal holidays,~~ for a
204 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than
205 9 a.m.

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

210 **Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida**
211 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

212 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

213 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—

214 (a) The supervisor shall ~~must~~ ensure that any eligible
215 applicant for voter registration is registered to vote and that
216 each application for voter registration is processed in

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217 accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine whether a
218 voter registration applicant is ineligible to vote based on any
219 of the following:

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

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

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

225 ~~4.(d)~~ The applicant has been adjudicated mentally
226 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right
227 has not been restored.

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

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

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

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

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

238 (b) If the most updated voter registration records show
239 that a new applicant was previously registered but subsequently
240 removed from the statewide voter registration system under s.
241 98.075(8) for ineligibility by reason of a felony conviction

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242 without voting rights restored, adjudication as mentally
243 incapacitated with respect to voting without voting rights
244 restored, death, or legal status as not a United States citizen,
245 the supervisor must, within 13 days after receiving a new
246 application, verify the current eligibility of the applicant to
247 register by reviewing any governmental entity document or source
248 to determine whether the applicant remains ineligible. If the
249 supervisor determines that the applicant is still ineligible to
250 vote, the supervisor must deny the application and notify the
251 applicant pursuant to s. 97.073.

252 **Section 10. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section**
253 **98.075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),**
254 **(8), and (9), respectively, subsections (4) and (5), present**
255 **subsection (6), paragraph (a) of present subsection (7), and**
256 **paragraph (a) of present subsection (8) are amended, and a new**
257 **subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:**

258 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
259 ineligibility determinations.—

260 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department
261 shall identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated
262 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not
263 had their voting rights restored by comparing information
264 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.
265 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an
266 initial determination as to whether the information is credible

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267 and reliable. If the department determines that the information
268 is credible and reliable, the department must notify the
269 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation
270 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be
271 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has
272 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the
273 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in
274 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter from
275 the statewide voter registration system.

276 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

277 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters
278 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have
279 not been restored by comparing information received from, but
280 not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of
281 Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the
282 Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's
283 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review
284 such information and make an initial determination as to whether
285 the information is credible and reliable. If the department
286 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the
287 department must notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the
288 supporting documentation indicating the potential ineligibility
289 of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that
290 the department has made a determination of initial credibility
291 and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures

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292 set forth in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a
293 registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration
294 system.

295 (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective
296 clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093
297 to identify registered voters within their respective
298 jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the
299 preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.
300 The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in
301 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter's
302 name from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes
303 of this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (8)
304 ~~(7)~~ begin upon his or her determination that the information
305 received from the clerk is credible and reliable.

306 (6) CITIZENSHIP.-

307 (a) The Department of State shall verify the citizenship
308 status of all registered voters whose legal status has not
309 already been verified as a United States citizen. If the
310 citizenship status of a registered voter cannot be verified or
311 the voter record does not indicate that the registered voter's
312 citizenship is verified, the department must notify the
313 supervisor of elections who must notify the registered voter.

314 (b) The department shall review the information received
315 from the Department of Highway Safety under s. 98.093(8) and
316 make an initial determination as to whether the information and

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317 any other information regarding citizenship is credible and
318 reliable. If the department determines that the information is
319 credible and reliable, the department must notify the supervisor
320 and provide a copy of the supporting documentation indicating
321 the potential ineligibility of the voter.

322 (c) Upon receipt of the notice under paragraph (a) or
323 paragraph (b), the supervisor of elections must notify the
324 registered voter in accordance with subsection (8) that his or
325 her United States citizenship could not be verified and require
326 the registered voter to submit evidence sufficient to verify his
327 or her citizenship status. The notice to the registered voter
328 must include the following list of documents that will be
329 accepted as evidence of United States citizenship:

330 1. A current and valid United States passport.

331 2. A United States birth certificate.

332 3. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
333 United States Department of State.

334 4. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
335 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
336 and Motor Vehicles if such driver license or identification card
337 indicates United States citizenship.

338 5. A naturalization certificate, a certificate of
339 citizenship, a certificate number, or an alien registration
340 number issued by the United States Department of Homeland
341 Security.

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342 6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the
343 Federal Government or the government of this state which
344 indicates United States citizenship.

345 7. An order from a federal court granting United States
346 citizenship.

347 (d) If the registered voter's legal name is different than
348 the name that appears on one of the documents specified in
349 paragraph (c), the applicant must also provide official
350 documentation providing proof of a legal name change.

351 (e) The type of document provided or used to verify
352 citizenship must be recorded in the statewide voter registration
353 system.

354 (7)-(6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.-Subsections (2)-(6)
355 ~~(2)-(5)~~ do not limit or restrict the department or the
356 supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,
357 access to, or knowledge of information from any governmental
358 entity that identifies a registered voter as potentially
359 ineligible. If the department or supervisor receives information
360 from any governmental entity other than those identified in
361 subsections (2)-(6) ~~(2)-(5)~~ that a registered voter is
362 ineligible because the voter is deceased, adjudicated a
363 convicted felon without having had his or her voting rights
364 restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had
365 his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age
366 requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States

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367 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address that
368 is not his or her address of legal residence, the supervisor
369 must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~
370 before the removal of the name of a registered voter who is
371 determined to be ineligible from the statewide voter
372 registration system.

373 (8) ~~(7)~~ PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

374 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information
375 pursuant to subsections (4)-(7) ~~(4)-(6)~~, the supervisor of the
376 county in which the voter is registered must:

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

380 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's
381 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon
382 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation
383 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined
384 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as
385 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

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

390 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to
391 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the

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392 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by
393 the supervisor.

394 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy
395 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
396 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
397 determining eligibility.

398 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the
399 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is
400 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

401 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights
402 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and
403 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
404 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
405 conviction, if applicable.

406 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
407 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
408 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
409 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
410 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
411 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
412 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
413 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
414 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

415 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the
416 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned

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417 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general
418 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered
419 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.
420 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by
421 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

422 a. The voter's name and address.

423 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to
424 be registered to vote.

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

429 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor
430 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to
431 receive information regarding the basis for the potential
432 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

433 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance
434 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections
435 of the county in which the voter is registered.

436 f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of
437 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
438 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
439 determining eligibility.

440 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
441 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you

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442 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
443 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
444 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
445 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
446 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
447 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
448 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

449 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice
450 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor
451 must make a final determination of the voter's eligibility
452 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to
453 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is
454 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the
455 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system
456 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter
457 of the supervisor's determination and action.

458 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant
459 to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of
460 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
461 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, make a final
462 determination of ineligibility and remove the voter's name from
463 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall
464 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
465 and action.

466 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued

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467 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the
468 accuracy of the information underlying the potential
469 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor
470 must review the evidence and make a determination of eligibility
471 no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the
472 voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is
473 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the
474 statewide voter registration system upon such determination and
475 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
476 and action and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a
477 determination of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755. If such
478 registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor must send
479 notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and
480 place specified in the notice. The supervisor shall schedule and
481 issue notice for the hearing within 7 days after receiving the
482 voter's request for a hearing and shall hold the hearing no
483 later than 30 days after issuing the notice of the hearing. A
484 voter may request an extension upon showing good cause by
485 submitting an affidavit to the supervisor as to why he or she is
486 unable to attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all
487 evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a
488 determination of eligibility within 7 days. If the supervisor
489 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the
490 supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter
491 registration system and notify the registered voter of the

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492 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
493 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant
494 to s. 98.0755.

495 ~~(9)~~~~(8)~~ CERTIFICATION.—

496 (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the
497 supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor
498 has conducted the activities required pursuant to this section
499 during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year,
500 respectively. The certification must include the number of
501 persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to subsection (8)
502 ~~(7)~~; the number of persons who responded to the notices; the
503 number of notices returned as undeliverable; the number of
504 notices published in the newspaper, on the county's website, or
505 on the supervisor's website; the number of hearings conducted;
506 and the number of persons removed from the statewide voter
507 registration system and the reasons for such removals.

508 **Section 11. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (9) of**
509 **section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs**
510 **(d), (e), and (f) are added to subsection (8) of that section,**
511 **to read:**

512 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating
513 to deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,
514 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United
515 States citizens.—

516 (8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The

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517 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish
518 weekly to the department the following information:

519 (d) Information identifying those persons who during the
520 preceding week presented evidence of United States citizenship
521 upon being issued a new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver
522 license or Florida identification card. The information must
523 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four
524 digits of his or her social security number, if applicable;
525 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card
526 number, if available; the type of documentary proof the person
527 provided in support of his or her citizenship; and, if
528 applicable, the person's alien registration number or other
529 legal status identifier.

530 (e) Information identifying a change in residence address
531 on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of
532 any person who declined to register or update his or her voter's
533 registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The information must
534 contain the person's name; date of birth; sex; last four digits
535 of his or her social security number, if available; and Florida
536 driver license or Florida identification card number in order to
537 identify a voter's registration record. The Department of State
538 must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of
539 elections who must change the voter's registration records in
540 accordance with s. 98.065(4).

541 (f) Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement

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542 Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers
543 issued to persons who declined to register or update his or her
544 voter's registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The
545 information must contain the person's name; date of birth; last
546 four digits of his or her social security number, if available;
547 and the person's prior and current Florida driver license or
548 Florida identification card number in order to identify a
549 voter's registration record. The Department of State must report
550 the prior and current Florida driver license or Florida
551 identification card numbers to the appropriate supervisor of
552 elections who must update the voter's registration records and
553 provide notice of the change to the registered voter in the same
554 manner as a change of address made in accordance with s.
555 98.065(4).

556 (9) CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or restrict
557 the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,
558 access to, or knowledge of official information from these and
559 other governmental entities that identify a registered voter as
560 potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of the name of
561 the registered voter who is determined to be ineligible from the
562 statewide voter registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~
563 ~~98.075(7)~~.

564 **Section 12. Section 98.094, Florida Statutes, is created**
565 **to read:**

566 98.094 Federal jury notice.—

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567 (1) The Division of Elections shall provide a list,
568 monthly, of registered voters to federal courts for purposes of
569 selecting jurors and the jury coordinator must provide the
570 division notice regarding any ineligible or potentially
571 ineligible voters.

572 (2) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be
573 prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially
574 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service because
575 the person is not a United States citizen, was convicted of a
576 felony, is deceased, is not a resident of this state, or is not
577 a resident of the county in which such jury service is required.
578 The list must be prepared and sent to the division according to
579 the jury summons cycle used by the clerk of court. This section
580 does not prevent the list from being sent more frequently. The
581 list prepared by the jury coordinator may be provided by mail,
582 e-mail, or other electronic means to the division.

583 (3) The jury coordinator shall provide the division with
584 all of the following information about each disqualified or
585 potentially disqualified juror:

586 (a) The full name of the juror.

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

588 (c) Telephone number, if available.

589 (d) Date of birth.

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

591 (4) The division shall provide the information received

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592 under subsection (3) to the appropriate supervisor of elections
593 in the county of residence of the disqualified juror in order
594 for the supervisor to initiate address list maintenance under s.
595 98.065 or eligibility maintenance under s. 98.075(8), as
596 applicable.

597 **Section 13. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraphs (b)**
598 **and (c) of subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes,**
599 **are amended, and paragraphs (f) through (h) are added to that**
600 **subsection, to read:**

601 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

602 (1)

603 (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for
604 nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the
605 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in
606 writing:

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

608 2. That the person has been a registered member of the
609 political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a
610 candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the
611 beginning of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election
612 for which the person seeks to qualify.

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

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616 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office
617 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of
618 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he
619 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he
620 or she has not been a registered member of any political party
621 for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the beginning
622 of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election for which
623 the person seeks to qualify.

624 (f) A qualified candidate or a political party with a
625 qualified candidate in the same race may challenge the accuracy
626 of the content of the statement in a candidate's oath or
627 affirmation appearing in subparagraph (a)1. that the person
628 seeking to qualify as a candidate for nomination or election is
629 qualified under the State Constitution to hold the office to
630 which he or she desires to be nominated or elected by filing an
631 action for declaratory and injunctive relief in the circuit
632 court for the county in which the qualifying officer is
633 headquartered. A person may not be qualified as a candidate for
634 nomination or election and his or her name may not appear on the
635 ballot if in an order that has become final, the court
636 determines that the person seeking to qualify as a candidate for
637 nomination or election is not qualified under the State
638 Constitution to hold the office to which he or she desires to be
639 nominated or elected.

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640 (g) The statements in subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c)
641 constitute substantive requirements for the person completing
642 the statement, and compliance with those requirements is
643 mandatory. The sole method to enforce compliance with such
644 requirements is contained in this paragraph. Compliance with
645 subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c) may be challenged by a
646 qualified candidate or a political party with a qualified
647 candidate in the same race by filing an action for declaratory
648 and injunctive relief in the circuit court for the county in
649 which the qualifying officer is headquartered. A person may not
650 be qualified as a candidate for nomination or election and his
651 or her name may not appear on the ballot if in an order that has
652 become final, the court determines that:

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

657 2. The person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate
658 with no party affiliation has not been registered without party
659 affiliation for, or has been a registered member of any
660 political party during, the 365-day period preceding the
661 beginning of qualifying.

662 (h) Any candidate or political party bringing an action
663 for declaratory and injunctive relief under paragraphs (f) or
664 (g) is entitled to an expedited final hearing and any appeal of

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665 a final hearing shall receive expedited consideration by the
666 appellate court. Upon a final order of the circuit court
667 containing a determination in paragraph (f) or paragraph (g),
668 the supervisor of elections in each county affected by such
669 candidacy shall remove the name of the candidate from the
670 ballot, or if the ballots have already been printed, post a
671 notice to be included with each vote-by-mail ballot, and at each
672 early voting location and polling precinct that a vote for such
673 candidate will not be counted.

674 **Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 101.043, Florida**
675 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

676 101.043 Identification required at polls.—

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

- 683 1. Florida driver license.
- 684 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of
685 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- 686 3. United States passport or passport card.
- 687 ~~4. Debit or credit card.~~
- 688 ~~4.5.~~ United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine
689 Military identification.

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690 ~~6. Student identification.~~

691 ~~7. Retirement center identification.~~

692 ~~8. Neighborhood association identification.~~

693 ~~9. Public assistance identification.~~

694 ~~5.10.~~ Veteran health identification card issued by the
695 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

696 ~~6.11.~~ A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
697 issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

698 ~~7.12.~~ Any other Employee identification card issued by any
699 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
700 the state, a county, or a municipality, excluding identification
701 cards issued by an educational institution.

702 (b) If the picture identification does not contain the
703 signature of the elector, an additional identification that
704 provides the elector's signature is ~~shall be~~ required. The
705 address appearing on the identification presented by the elector
706 may not be used as the basis to challenge an elector's legal
707 residence. The elector must ~~shall~~ sign his or her name in the
708 space provided on the precinct register or on an electronic
709 device provided for recording the elector's signature. The clerk
710 or inspector shall compare the signature with that on the
711 identification provided by the elector and enter his or her
712 initials in the space provided on the precinct register or on an
713 electronic device provided for that purpose and allow the
714 elector to vote if the clerk or inspector is satisfied as to the

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715 identity of the elector.

716 **Section 15. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection**
717 **(6) of section 101.048, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

718 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

719 (1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly
720 registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in
721 the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a
722 person whom an election official asserts is not eligible,
723 including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been
724 sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final
725 determination of eligibility has not been made, and other
726 persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a
727 provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must be
728 placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a
729 provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must be
730 deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must remain
731 sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of
732 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the
733 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional
734 ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his
735 or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of elections by not
736 later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.

737 (6)

738 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in
739 substantially the following form:

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740 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE
741 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR
742 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

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

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

751 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of
752 identification:

753 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification
754 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;
755 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway
756 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport
757 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~
758 ~~or credit card~~; ~~military identification~~; ~~student identification~~;
759 ~~retirement center identification~~; ~~neighborhood association~~
760 ~~identification~~; ~~public assistance~~ identification; veteran health
761 identification card issued by the United States Department of
762 Veterans Affairs; Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or
763 firearm; or any other ~~employee~~ identification card issued by any
764 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,

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765 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

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

771 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
772 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
773 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),
774 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with
775 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of
776 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and
777 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your
778 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no
779 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election or your
780 ballot will not count.

781 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
782 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
783 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as
784 attachments.

785 6. Submitting a provisional ballot affidavit does not
786 establish your eligibility to vote in this election or guarantee
787 that your ballot will be counted. The county canvassing board
788 determines your eligibility to vote through information provided
789 on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,

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790 written evidence provided by you, including information in your
791 cure affidavit along with any supporting identification, and any
792 other evidence presented by the supervisor of elections or a
793 challenger. You may still be required to present additional
794 written evidence to support your eligibility to vote.

795 **Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 101.151, Florida**
796 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

797 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

798 (1) (a) ~~Marksense~~ Ballots must ~~shall~~ be printed on paper of
799 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from
800 the back and must ~~shall~~ meet the specifications of the voting
801 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

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

807 **Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida**
808 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

809 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No
810 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved
811 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

812 (4) ~~For systems using marksense ballots,~~ It accepts a
813 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to
814 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has

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815 | been overvoted or undervoted.

816 | **Section 18. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is**
817 | **amended to read:**

818 | 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating
819 | ballot selections, all voting must be by official marksense
820 | ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with
821 | the voting system. Persons with disabilities may vote using
822 | ~~marking device or~~ a voter interface device that produces a
823 | voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility
824 | requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of
825 | the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

826 | **Section 19. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section**
827 | **101.5608, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

828 | 101.5608 Voting at the polls ~~by electronic or~~
829 | ~~electromechanical method~~; procedures.—

830 | (1) Each voter elector desiring to vote shall be
831 | identified to the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly
832 | qualified voter elector of such election and shall sign his or
833 | her name on the precinct register or other form or device
834 | provided by the supervisor. The inspector shall compare the
835 | signature with the signature on the identification provided by
836 | the voter elector. If the inspector is reasonably sure that the
837 | person is entitled to vote, the inspector shall provide the
838 | person with a ballot.

839 | (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system

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840 utilizes a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~, the following
841 procedures must ~~shall~~ be followed to vote:

842 (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter
843 ~~elector~~ shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a
844 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or
845 her ballot, the voter ~~elector~~ shall place the ballot in a
846 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the
847 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

848 (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an
849 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure
850 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be
851 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device
852 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be considered
853 spoiled and a new ballot must ~~shall~~ be provided to the voter
854 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The
855 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall
856 state the possible reasons for the rejection and ~~shall~~ provide
857 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled
858 ballot must ~~shall~~ be preserved, without examination, in an
859 envelope provided for that purpose. The stub must ~~shall~~ be
860 removed from the ballot and placed in an envelope.

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

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

869 **Section 20. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida**
870 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

871 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

872 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this
873 section shall employ test ballots created by the supervisor of
874 elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the
875 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the
876 election, the supervisor shall also create test ballots using
877 the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to produce
878 ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as will be
879 used for ballots in the election.

880 **Section 21. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes, is amended**
881 **to read:**

882 101.591 Voting system automated independent vote
883 validation process; system approval; procedures ~~audit~~.—

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

889 (2)(a) ~~A manual audit shall consist of a public manual~~

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890 ~~tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that~~
891 ~~appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-~~
892 ~~day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas~~
893 ~~ballots, in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the~~
894 ~~precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the~~
895 ~~local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1~~
896 ~~percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the~~
897 ~~audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at~~
898 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~
899 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~
900 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

901 (2) (a) (b) An automated independent vote validation process
902 must ~~audit shall~~ consist of an a public automated verification
903 of the tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on
904 the ballot. The tally sheet must shall include all valid
905 election day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and
906 overseas ballots received by the start of the vote validation
907 process in all at least 20 percent of the precincts chosen at
908 random by the county canvassing board or the local board
909 responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be
910 selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.

911 (b) (e) The division shall adopt rules for approval of an
912 automated independent vote validation process ~~audit system~~ which
913 provide that the process system, at a minimum, must be:

914 1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.

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915 2. Fast enough to produce final vote validation ~~audit~~
916 results within the timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).

917 3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record
918 have been accurately adjudicated by the automated independent
919 vote validation process in agreement with the vote tabulation
920 system and is capable of allowing the canvassing board to
921 manually adjudicate ballots needing review. A canvassing board
922 is not precluded from reviewing a digital image of a ballot
923 corresponding to a physical paper ballot in conducting its
924 review ~~audit system.~~

925 (3) The canvassing board shall publish ~~post~~ a notice of
926 the automated independent vote validation process ~~audit~~,
927 including the date, time, and place such process will occur, on
928 the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor
929 of election's website, or once in one or more newspapers of
930 general circulation in the county in which the process will
931 occur. Such process must be open to the public, ~~in four~~
932 ~~conspicuous places in the county and on the home page of the~~
933 ~~county supervisor of elections website.~~

934 (4) The automated independent vote validation process
935 ~~audit~~ must be completed and the results made public before the
936 certification of the election by each county canvassing board
937 and in accordance with s. 102.141 ~~no later than 11:59 p.m. on~~
938 ~~the 7th day following certification of the election by the~~
939 ~~county canvassing board or the local board responsible for~~

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940 ~~certifying the election.~~

941 (5) By December 15 of each general election year, the
942 county canvassing board or the board responsible for certifying
943 the election shall provide a report with the results of the
944 automated independent vote validation process ~~audit~~ to the
945 Department of State in a standard format as prescribed by the
946 department under s. 101.5911. Each county's ~~The~~ report must be
947 consolidated into one report and included with the overvote and
948 undervote report required under s. 101.595(1). The report must,
949 at a minimum, ~~shall contain all of, but is not limited to,~~ the
950 following ~~items~~:

951 (a) The overall agreement accuracy of the automated
952 independent vote validation process ~~audit~~.

953 (b) A description of any problems or differences
954 ~~discrepancies~~ encountered during the automated independent vote
955 validation process.

956 (c) The likely cause of such problems or differences
957 ~~discrepancies~~.

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

960 (6) The department shall consolidate the county automated
961 independent vote validation results and include the results as
962 part of the post-general election report submitted to the
963 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
964 House of Representatives by February 15 of each year following a

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965 general election as required under ss. 101.595(3) and
966 102.141(11) If a manual recount is undertaken pursuant to s.
967 102.166, the canvassing board is not required to perform the
968 audit provided for in this section.

969 **Section 22. Section 101.5911, Florida Statutes, is amended**
970 **to read:**

971 101.5911 Rulemaking authority for automated independent
972 vote validation process approval; voting system audit
973 procedures. ~~Effective upon this act becoming a law,~~ The
974 department ~~of State~~ shall adopt rules to implement the
975 ~~provisions of s. 101.591, as amended by s. 8, chapter 2007-30,~~
976 Laws of Florida, which provides for the testing and approval of
977 an automated independent vote validation process, and prescribes
978 ~~prescribe~~ detailed automated independent vote validation audit
979 procedures for each voting system, which must ~~shall~~ be uniform
980 to the extent practicable, along with the standard form for
981 automated independent vote validation process audit reports.

982 **Section 23. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.595,**
983 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

984 101.595 Analysis of overvotes and undervotes ~~reports of~~
985 ~~voting problems.~~

986 (1) No later than December 15 of each general election
987 year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to
988 the Department of State the total number of overvotes and
989 undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor

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990 and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot
991 or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot
992 pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for
993 such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be
994 useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and
995 identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which
996 may have contributed to voter confusion. This report must be
997 consolidated into one report with the automated independent vote
998 validation ~~audit~~ report required under s. 101.591(6) ~~s.~~
999 ~~101.591(5)~~.

1000 (3) The Department of State shall submit the overvote and
1001 undervote analysis required under subsection (2) as part of the
1002 post-general election report to the Governor, the President of
1003 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
1004 February 15 of each year following a general election as
1005 required under ss. 101.591(6) and 102.141(11).

1006 **Section 24. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**
1007 **101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1008 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

1009 (4)

1010 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in
1011 substantially the following form:

1012 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE
1013 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR
1014 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

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1015 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will
1016 be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as
1017 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of
1018 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no
1019 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

1020 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
1021 Signature).

1022 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of
1023 identification:

1024 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification
1025 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;
1026 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway
1027 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport
1028 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~
1029 ~~or credit card~~; ~~military identification~~; ~~student identification~~;
1030 ~~retirement center identification~~; ~~neighborhood association~~
1031 ~~identification~~; ~~public assistance identification~~; veteran health
1032 identification card issued by the United States Department of
1033 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
1034 or firearm; or any ~~an employee~~ identification card issued by any
1035 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
1036 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1037 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1
1038 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and
1039 current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,

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1040 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
1041 voter information card).

1042 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
1043 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
1044 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),
1045 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with
1046 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of
1047 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and
1048 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your
1049 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no
1050 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your
1051 ballot will not count.

1052 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
1053 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
1054 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as
1055 attachments.

1056 **Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida**
1057 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1058 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for
1059 certain first-time voters.—

1060 (2) A voter covered by this section must be provided with
1061 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in
1062 substantially the following form:

1063 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.

1064 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT

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1065 TO COUNT.

1066 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will
1067 be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as
1068 possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the
1069 county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on
1070 the date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter
1071 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general
1072 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated
1073 no later than the date of the election and received by the
1074 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are
1075 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the
1076 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less
1077 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is
1078 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the
1079 election.

1080 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.
1081 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so
1082 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1083 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for
1084 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote
1085 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in
1086 that race will not be counted.

1087 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy
1088 envelope and seal the envelope.

1089 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope

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1090 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and
1091 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the
1092 envelope.

1093 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
1094 Signature).

1095 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date
1096 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or
1097 your ballot may not be counted.

1098 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and
1099 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate
1100 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at
1101 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the
1102 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the
1103 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for
1104 this election, send your signature update on a voter
1105 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that
1106 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

1107 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you
1108 must make a copy of one of the following forms of
1109 identification:

1110 a. Identification which must include your name and
1111 photograph: United States passport or passport card; United
1112 States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit or credit~~
1113 ~~card; military identification; student identification;~~
1114 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~

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1115 ~~identification; public assistance~~ identification; veteran health
1116 identification card issued by the United States Department of
1117 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
1118 or firearm; or any ~~an employee~~ identification card issued by any
1119 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
1120 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1121 b. Identification which shows your name and current
1122 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
1123 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
1124 voter information card).

1125 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply
1126 if you meet one of the following requirements:

1127 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

1128 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

1129 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty
1130 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the
1131 county on election day.

1132 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason
1133 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the
1134 county on election day.

1135 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to
1136 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active
1137 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on
1138 election day.

1139 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

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1140 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into
1141 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy
1142 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR
1143 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR
1144 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR
1145 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1146 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing
1147 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

1148 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to
1149 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote
1150 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote
1151 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under
1152 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1153 **Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida**
1154 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1155 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

1156 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 9 &
1157 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 9 & a.m. on
1158 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of
1159 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and
1160 for each constitutional amendment. On days the Legislature
1161 convenes for organizational session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art.
1162 III of the State Constitution, such meeting will begin at 8 a.m.
1163 If a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted
1164 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the

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1165 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a
1166 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the
1167 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the
1168 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify
1169 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,
1170 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and
1171 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

1172 **Section 27. Subsections (3) through (11) of section**
1173 **102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1174 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1175 (3) The canvass, except the canvass of absent electors'
1176 returns and the canvass of provisional ballots, must ~~shall~~ be
1177 made from the returns and certificates of the inspectors as
1178 signed and filed by them with the supervisor, and the county
1179 canvassing board may ~~shall~~ not change the number of votes cast
1180 for a candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment, or other
1181 measure submitted to the electorate of the county, respectively,
1182 in any polling place, as shown by the returns. All returns must
1183 ~~shall~~ be made to the board on or before 2 a.m. of the day
1184 following any primary, general, or other election. If the
1185 returns from any precinct are missing, if there are any
1186 omissions on the returns from any precinct, or if there is an
1187 obvious error on any such returns, the canvassing board must
1188 ~~shall~~ order a retabulation of the returns from such precinct.
1189 Before canvassing such returns, the canvassing board shall

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1190 examine the tabulation of the ballots cast in such precinct and
1191 determine whether the returns correctly reflect the votes cast.
1192 If there is a discrepancy between the returns and the tabulation
1193 of the ballots cast, the tabulation of the ballots cast must
1194 ~~shall~~ be presumed correct and such votes shall be canvassed
1195 accordingly.

1196 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the
1197 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the
1198 day before the election the results of all early voting and
1199 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by
1200 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),
1201 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the
1202 results of such uploads may not be made public before the close
1203 of the polls on election day.

1204 (b) The supervisor of elections, on behalf of the
1205 canvassing board, shall report all early voting and all
1206 tabulated vote-by-mail results to the Department of State within
1207 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing
1208 board shall report, with the exception of provisional ballot
1209 results, updated precinct election results, which must be
1210 uploaded to the department at least every 45 minutes until all
1211 results are completely reported. The supervisor of elections
1212 shall notify the department immediately of any circumstances
1213 that do not permit periodic updates as required. Results must
1214 ~~shall~~ be submitted in a format prescribed by the department.

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1215 (5) (a) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
1216 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the
1217 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or
1218 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the
1219 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on
1220 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns
1221 must ~~shall~~ include the canvass of all ballots, including write-
1222 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

1223 (b) After unofficial results are reported, each county
1224 must conduct an automated independent vote validation process,
1225 in accordance with s. 101.591, to validate that the votes
1226 processed through the vote tabulation system for a candidate for
1227 any office, candidate for retention to a judicial office, or a
1228 measure appearing on the ballot do not:

1229 1. Have a discrepancy of more than one-half of a percent
1230 when compared to the results of the automated independent vote
1231 validation process; or

1232 2. Result in a change in the outcome of the election.

1233
1234 The automated independent vote validation process must be
1235 completed no later than noon on the 6th day after any primary
1236 election and no later than noon on the 7th day after any general
1237 or other election.

1238 (c) ~~(6)~~ If the county canvassing board determines, after
1239 the county conducts the automated independent vote validation

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1240 process in accordance with s. 101.591, and the comparison of the
1241 results of the vote tabulation and the automated independent
1242 vote validation process indicates that the unofficial returns
1243 may contain a counting error in which the vote tabulation system
1244 or the automated independent vote validation process failed to
1245 count votes that were properly marked in accordance with the
1246 instructions on the ballot, the county canvassing board shall:
1247 ~~1.(a)~~ Correct the error and retabulate the affected
1248 ballots with the vote tabulation system or the automated
1249 independent vote validation process; or
1250 ~~2.(b)~~ Request that the Department of State verify the
1251 tabulation software of the affected system or process. When the
1252 Department of State verifies such software, the department shall
1253 compare the software used to tabulate the votes with the
1254 software filed with the department pursuant to s. 101.5607 and
1255 check the election parameters.
1256 ~~(6)(a)-(7)~~ If the comparison of the results of the vote
1257 tabulation system and the automated independent vote validation
1258 process reflects a difference as described in paragraph (5)(b),
1259 the proper county election official under the oversight of the
1260 county canvassing board must conduct a system validation review
1261 using the images in the automated independent vote validation
1262 process of the ballots in disagreement, which must include, but
1263 is not limited to, a review of any clear overvotes or undervotes
1264 that appear in the automated independent vote validation process

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1265 to adjudicate the voter's intent of such ballots before
1266 certification of the county's official results. If the
1267 unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was
1268 defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the
1269 votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention to a
1270 judicial office was retained or not retained by one-half of a
1271 percent or less of the votes cast on the question of retention,
1272 or that a measure appearing on the ballot was approved or
1273 rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on
1274 such measure, a system validation review must ~~recount shall~~ be
1275 ordered of the votes cast with respect to such office or
1276 measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering such
1277 system validation reviews ~~recounts~~ in all federal, state, and
1278 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or the local
1279 board responsible for certifying the election is responsible for
1280 ordering a system validation review under this subsection
1281 ~~recounts~~ in all other races. A system validation review ~~recount~~
1282 need not be ordered with respect to the returns for any office,
1283 however, if the candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated
1284 from contention for such office by one-half of a percent or less
1285 of the votes cast for such office request in writing that a
1286 system validation review ~~recount~~ not be made.

1287 ~~(a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~
1288 ~~recount shall put each marksense ballot through automatic~~
1289 ~~tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly~~

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1290 ~~reflect the votes cast. If any marksense ballot is physically~~
1291 ~~damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic~~
1292 ~~tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall~~
1293 ~~be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.~~
1294 ~~101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test~~
1295 ~~of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.~~
1296 ~~101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation~~
1297 ~~of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes~~
1298 ~~shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the~~
1299 ~~cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the~~
1300 ~~recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall~~
1301 ~~immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error~~
1302 ~~and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of~~
1303 ~~State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing~~
1304 ~~board shall file a separate incident report with the Department~~
1305 ~~of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying~~
1306 ~~any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.~~
1307 ~~If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not~~
1308 ~~part of the voting system and the ballots have already been~~
1309 ~~processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not~~
1310 ~~required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating~~
1311 ~~equipment again.~~

1312 ~~(b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~
1313 ~~recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the~~
1314 ~~counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of~~

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1315 ~~the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall~~
1316 ~~election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall~~
1317 ~~election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the~~
1318 ~~counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct~~
1319 ~~and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.~~

1320 ~~(c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in~~
1321 ~~formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial~~
1322 ~~returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,~~
1323 ~~state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns~~
1324 ~~shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any~~
1325 ~~primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after~~
1326 ~~any general election in which a recount was ordered by the~~
1327 ~~Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to~~
1328 ~~complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the~~
1329 ~~deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the~~
1330 ~~canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial~~
1331 ~~returns and the submission shall also include a detailed~~
1332 ~~explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.~~
1333 ~~However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount~~
1334 ~~prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount~~
1335 ~~prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in~~
1336 ~~accordance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

1337 ~~(d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules~~
1338 ~~prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified~~
1339 ~~voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.~~

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1340 (b) ~~(8)~~ The canvassing board may employ such clerical help
1341 to assist with the work of the board as it deems necessary, with
1342 at least one member of the board present at all times, until the
1343 canvass of the returns is completed. The clerical help must
1344 ~~shall~~ be paid from the same fund as inspectors and other
1345 necessary election officials.

1346 (c) The canvassing board shall publish notice of the
1347 system validation review, including the date, time, and place
1348 such review will occur, on the county website as provided in s.
1349 50.0311, on the supervisor of elections' website, or once in one
1350 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which
1351 the review will occur. Such review is open to the public.

1352 (d) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
1353 formats provided by the division a vote validation report to the
1354 department for each federal, state, or multicounty office or
1355 ballot measure in accordance with paragraph (5) (b). If the
1356 canvassing board is unable to complete the system validation
1357 review by the deadline, the vote validation report submitted by
1358 the canvassing board must be identical to the initial unofficial
1359 returns and the submission must also include a detailed
1360 explanation of the reason the board was unable to timely
1361 complete the system validation review. However, the canvassing
1362 board shall complete the system validation review prescribed in
1363 this subsection, and certify official election returns, in
1364 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

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1365 (e) The department shall adopt detailed rules prescribing
1366 additional system validation review procedures for each
1367 certified voting system, which must be uniform to the extent
1368 practicable.

1369 (7)(9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate
1370 member of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must
1371 wear identification badges during any period in which the county
1372 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other
1373 official duties. The identification badges must ~~should~~ be worn
1374 in a conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of
1375 the individual and his or her official position.

1376 (8)(10)(a) The supervisor shall file a report with the
1377 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later
1378 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission
1379 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe
1380 all of the following:

1381 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct
1382 level, at a counting location, or within computer and
1383 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, or
1384 issues encountered with any state approved election system,
1385 including, but not limited to, vote tabulation systems and
1386 automated independent vote validation processes, and the steps
1387 that were taken to address the malfunctions.

1388 2. All election definition errors that were discovered
1389 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken

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1390 to address the errors.

1391 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing
1392 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken
1393 to address the errors or problems.

1394 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by
1395 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the
1396 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during
1397 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to
1398 correct such issues.

1399 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment
1400 were insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.

1401 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or
1402 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

1403 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional
1404 information on any of the items required to be included in the
1405 report pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the
1406 supervisor must notify the division that new information has
1407 been discovered no later than the next business day after the
1408 discovery, and the supervisor must file an amended report signed
1409 by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of the election
1410 within 10 days after the discovery.

1411 (c) Such reports must be maintained on file in the
1412 Division of Elections and must be available for public
1413 inspection.

1414 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election

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1415 reports to determine what problems may be likely to occur in
1416 other elections and disseminate such information, along with
1417 possible solutions and training, to the supervisors of
1418 elections.

1419 (e) For the general election, the department shall submit
1420 the analysis of these reports for the post-general ~~general~~
1421 election report ~~as part of the consolidated reports~~ required
1422 under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor, the President of
1423 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
1424 February 15 of each year following a general election.

1425 ~~(11) The supervisor shall file with the department a copy~~
1426 ~~of or an export file from the results database of the county's~~
1427 ~~voting system and other statistical information as may be~~
1428 ~~required by the department, the Legislature, or the Election~~
1429 ~~Assistance Commission. The department shall adopt rules~~
1430 ~~establishing the required content and acceptable formats for the~~
1431 ~~filings and time for filings.~~

1432 **Section 28. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1433 **to read:**

1434 102.166 Manual review ~~recounts~~ of overvotes and undervotes
1435 in contests.-

1436 (1) If the vote tabulation system indicates and automated
1437 independent vote validation process conducted under ss. 101.591
1438 and 102.141 confirms ~~second set of unofficial returns pursuant~~
1439 ~~to s. 102.141 indicates~~ that a candidate for any office was

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1440 defeated or eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of
1441 the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention
1442 to a judicial office was retained or not retained by one-quarter
1443 of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question of
1444 retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was
1445 approved or rejected by one-quarter of a percent or less of the
1446 votes cast on such measure, a manual review ~~recount~~ of the
1447 overvotes and undervotes cast in the entire geographic
1448 jurisdiction of such office or ballot measure must ~~shall~~ be
1449 ordered and conducted in a manner consistent with s. 102.141(6)
1450 unless:

1451 (a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated
1452 from contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the
1453 votes cast for such office request in writing that a manual
1454 review ~~recount~~ not be made; or

1455 (b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than
1456 the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the
1457 election.

1458
1459 The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering manual
1460 reviews of all a manual recount for federal, state, and
1461 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or local board
1462 responsible for certifying the election is responsible for
1463 ordering a manual review ~~recount~~ for all other races. A manual
1464 review ~~recount~~ consists of a review by a designee of the

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1465 canvassing board ~~recount~~ of paper ~~marksense~~ ballots or of
1466 digital images from an independent vote validation system, if
1467 applicable ~~of these ballots by a person.~~

1468 (2) Any hardware or software used to identify and sort
1469 overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must
1470 be certified by the Department of State. Any such hardware or
1471 software must be capable of simultaneously identifying and
1472 sorting overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while
1473 simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes and undervotes must be
1474 identified and sorted while conducting the automated independent
1475 vote validation process ~~recounting ballots~~ pursuant to s.
1476 102.141. Overvotes and undervotes must ~~may~~ be identified and
1477 sorted physically or digitally.

1478 (3) Any manual review must ~~recount shall~~ be open to the
1479 public. Each political party may designate one person with
1480 expertise in the computer field who must be allowed in the
1481 central counting room when the manual review is being conducted
1482 and when the official votes are being counted. The designee may
1483 not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

1484 (4) (a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure must ~~shall~~
1485 be counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the
1486 voter has made a definite choice.

1487 (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for
1488 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified
1489 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication

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1490 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The
1491 rules must ~~shall~~ be consistent, to the extent practicable, and
1492 may not:

1493 1. Authorize the use of any electronic or
1494 electromechanical reading device to review a hybrid voting
1495 system ballot that is produced using a voter interface device
1496 and that contains both machine-readable fields and machine-
1497 printed text of the contest titles and voter selections, unless
1498 the printed text is illegible;

1499 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark
1500 or designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

1501 3. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify
1502 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication
1503 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1504 (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must
1505 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

1506 1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a
1507 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or
1508 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to
1509 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

1510 2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
1511 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a
1512 similar name.

1513 3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
1514 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar

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1515 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as
1516 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the
1517 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle
1518 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,
1519 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation
1520 of a political party.

1521 4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified
1522 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which
1523 the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the
1524 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or
1525 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

1526 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a
1527 candidate is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political
1528 party to which the candidate does not belong, including those in
1529 which the party designated has another candidate in the race or
1530 does not have a candidate in the race.

1531 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,
1532 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that
1533 the same political party designation applies to all listed
1534 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed
1535 ballot measures.

1536 7. Situations in which an elector designates the name of a
1537 qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

1538 8. Situations in which an elector designates an otherwise
1539 correct office name that includes an incorrect district number.

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1540 (5) Procedures for a manual review ~~recount~~ are as follows:

1541 (a) The county canvassing board shall appoint as many
1542 counting teams of at least two electors as is necessary to
1543 manually review ~~recount~~ the ballots. A counting team must have,
1544 when possible, members of at least two political parties. A
1545 candidate involved in the race may ~~shall~~ not be a member of the
1546 counting team.

1547 (b) Each duplicate ballot prepared pursuant to s.
1548 101.5614(4) or s. 102.141(6) must ~~s. 102.141(7) shall~~ be
1549 compared with the original ballot to ensure the correctness of
1550 the duplicate.

1551 (c) If a counting team is unable to determine whether the
1552 ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made a
1553 definite choice, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be presented to the
1554 county canvassing board for a determination.

1555 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules
1556 prescribing additional review ~~recount~~ procedures for each
1557 certified voting system which must ~~shall~~ be uniform to the
1558 extent practicable. The rules must, at a minimum, ~~shall~~ address,
1559 ~~at a minimum,~~ the following areas:

- 1560 1. Security of ballots during the manual review ~~recount~~
1561 process. ~~;~~
- 1562 2. Time and place of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~
- 1563 3. Public observance of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~
- 1564 4. Objections to ballot determinations. ~~;~~

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1565 5. Record of manual review ~~recount~~ proceedings.~~†~~

1566 6. Procedures relating to candidate and petitioner
1567 representatives.~~†~~and

1568 7. Procedures relating to the certification and the use of
1569 automatic tabulating equipment that is not part of a voting
1570 system.

1571 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county canvassing
1572 board or local board involved in the manual review ~~recount~~ from
1573 comparing a digital image of a ballot to the corresponding
1574 physical paper ballot during a manual review ~~recount~~.

1575 **Section 29. Effective July 1, 2026, section 104.042,**
1576 **Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

1577 104.042 Limitations on actions for election fraud.—A
1578 prosecution for a felony violation under the Election Code must
1579 be commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is
1580 committed.

1581 **Section 30. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraphs (c) through**
1582 **(g) are added to subsection (12) of section 106.08, Florida**
1583 **Statutes, and paragraph (a) of that section is amended, and**
1584 **paragraph (b) of the subsection is reenacted, to read:**

1585 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

1586 (12)(a)1. For purposes of this subsection, the term
1587 "foreign national" means:

- 1588 a. A foreign government;
1589 b. A foreign political party;

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1590 c. A foreign corporation, partnership, association,
1591 organization, or other combination of persons organized under
1592 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a
1593 foreign country;

1594 d. A person with foreign citizenship; or

1595 e. A person who is not a citizen or national of the United
1596 States and is not lawfully admitted to the United States for
1597 permanent residence.

1598 2. The term does not include:

1599 a. A person who is a dual citizen or dual national of the
1600 United States and a foreign country.

1601 b. A domestic subsidiary of a foreign corporation,
1602 partnership, association, organization, or other combination of
1603 persons organized under the laws of or having its principal
1604 place of business in a foreign country if:

1605 (I) The donations and disbursements used toward a
1606 contribution or an expenditure are derived entirely from funds
1607 generated by the subsidiary's operations in the United States;
1608 and

1609 (II) All decisions concerning donations and disbursements
1610 used toward a contribution or an expenditure are made by
1611 individuals who either hold United States citizenship or are
1612 permanent residents of the United States. For purposes of this
1613 sub-sub-subparagraph, decisions concerning donations and
1614 disbursements do not include decisions regarding the

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1615 subsidiary's overall budget for contributions or expenditures in
1616 connection with an election or decisions regarding the
1617 subsidiary's support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1618 (b) A foreign national may not make or offer to make,
1619 directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in
1620 connection with any election held in the state.

1621 (c) A political party, a political committee, an
1622 electioneering communications organization, or a candidate may
1623 not knowingly and willfully accept or solicit, directly or
1624 indirectly, a contribution from a foreign national in connection
1625 with any election held in this state.

1626 (d) A person, acting either alone or jointly with,
1627 through, or on behalf of another person, who has knowingly and
1628 willfully received monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from
1629 one or more foreign nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding
1630 \$100,000 over the preceding 4 years, may not make a contribution
1631 or independent expenditure:

1632 1. To a political committee supporting or opposing an
1633 issue in this state; or

1634 2. In support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1635 (e) A political committee supporting or opposing an issue
1636 in this state may not knowingly and willfully accept
1637 contributions from a person, acting either alone or jointly
1638 with, through, or on behalf of another person, who has received
1639 monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more foreign

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1640 nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding \$100,000 over the
1641 preceding 4 years.

1642 (f) For purposes of compliance with subsections (d) and
1643 (e), monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more
1644 foreign nationals received by a domestic subsidiary who meets
1645 the requirements of subparagraph (a)2. shall not count towards
1646 the \$100,000 aggregate threshold provided in subsections (d) and
1647 (e), as long as the monetary or in-kind donations or gifts
1648 received are not used for political activity by the domestic
1649 subsidiary.

1650 (g) A person or entity who violates this subsection
1651 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
1652 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall also be subject
1653 to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount contributed.
1654 Such penalty shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund. Any
1655 penalty imposed against a person that is not an individual
1656 jointly and severally attaches to the chair of the entity if the
1657 entity does not pay the penalty within 30 days. The Florida
1658 Elections Commission shall be responsible for determining
1659 violations, imposing civil penalties, and collecting any unpaid
1660 civil penalties. The Florida Elections Commission shall report
1661 any violations of this subsection to the Office of Election
1662 Crimes and Security to include in the department's report under
1663 s. 97.022.

1664 **Section 31. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created**

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1665 **to read:**

1666 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver
1667 licenses and identification cards.-

1668 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida
1669 identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a
1670 United States citizen as last recorded in the system must
1671 include the legal status of United States citizen on the license
1672 or card at the time of issuance, renewal, or replacement.

1673 (2) Notwithstanding this chapter, the department shall
1674 issue, at no charge, a renewal or replacement license or card if
1675 a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status
1676 upon becoming a citizen of the United States as required in s.
1677 322.19.

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1680 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1681 Remove lines 2017-2203 of the amendment and insert:
1682 amending s. 97.051, F.S.; requiring persons to swear
1683 or affirm they have reviewed the voter registration
1684 instructions, are a United States citizen, and
1685 understand the penalties for providing false
1686 information; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; requiring the
1687 voter registration application to elicit documentation
1688 required by the United States Election Assistance
1689 Commission or federal law; amending s. 97.0525, F.S.;

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1690 requiring that an applicant's citizenship status be
1691 verified by the records of the Department of Highway
1692 Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that an applicant
1693 will be registered as an unverified voter, but may not
1694 vote, if his or her legal status as a United States
1695 citizen cannot be verified through the Department of
1696 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the
1697 online voter registration system to transmit certain
1698 information to the supervisor of elections and
1699 generate certain notices; requiring the supervisor of
1700 elections to verify the legal status of certain
1701 applicants and provide certain notice; providing that,
1702 under specified circumstances, the online voter
1703 registration system may populate the applicant's
1704 information into a printable voter registration
1705 application; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring an
1706 applicant's legal status to be verified for a voter
1707 registration application to be valid; providing that
1708 an applicant will be deemed an unverified voter if his
1709 or her application fails to meet specified
1710 requirements; requiring an applicant to provide
1711 certain evidence to the supervisor of elections to
1712 prove the applicant's legal status under specified
1713 circumstances; providing for retroactivity; providing
1714 certain applicants a provisional ballot and such

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1715 ballot may only be counted if the applicant can verify
1716 his or her legal status within a specified timeframe;
1717 amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of
1718 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide the
1719 Department of State documentary proof of an
1720 applicant's citizenship; amending s. 98.015, F.S.;
1721 authorizing the office of the supervisor of elections
1722 to close to observe certain holidays under a specified
1723 condition; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; requiring
1724 supervisors to make certain determinations relating to
1725 applicants who were previously registered to vote, but
1726 later removed for ineligibility, and to follow
1727 specified procedures to notify the applicant, if
1728 applicable; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; requiring the
1729 Department of State to verify the United States
1730 citizenship status of any registered voter after a
1731 specified date; requiring specified notices regarding
1732 an applicant's potential ineligibility to vote;
1733 requiring certain applicants to submit specified
1734 information to the supervisor of elections; requiring
1735 certain documentation be recorded in the statewide
1736 voter registration system; amending s. 98.093, F.S.;
1737 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
1738 Vehicles to provide the Department of State with
1739 information identifying United States citizens who

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1740 have been issued a new, renewed, or replacement
1741 Florida driver license or Florida identification card;
1742 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
1743 Vehicles to provide the Department of State with
1744 changes in residence address and Florida driver
1745 license or identification card numbers of individuals
1746 who have declined to register or update their voter
1747 registration; creating s. 98.094, F.S.; requiring the
1748 Division of Elections to provide a list of registered
1749 voters to federal courts for a specified purpose;
1750 requiring the jury coordinator to prepare a specified
1751 list with certain information and send such list to
1752 the division; specifying the manner in which such list
1753 may be sent; requiring the division to provide such
1754 information to the appropriate supervisor of
1755 elections; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; specifying that a
1756 person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate
1757 must be a registered member of a political party, or
1758 registered without any party affiliation, for 365
1759 consecutive days preceding the beginning of the
1760 qualifying for an election; providing that compliance
1761 with specified requirements is mandatory; authorizing
1762 qualified candidates or certain political parties to
1763 challenge compliance with specified provisions by
1764 filing an action for declaratory and injunctive relief

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1765 in a specified circuit court; prohibiting a person
1766 from being qualified as a candidate for nomination or
1767 election and appearing on the ballot under specified
1768 circumstances; entitling certain candidates and
1769 political parties to specified expedited hearings and
1770 consideration; requiring the supervisor of elections
1771 to remove certain candidates from the ballot or
1772 provide certain notice that votes for certain
1773 disqualified candidates will not be counted; amending
1774 s. 101.043, F.S.; revising the forms of identification
1775 required to be provided at polls; amending ss.
1776 101.048, 101.151, 101.5606, 101.5608, and 101.5612,
1777 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
1778 act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; requiring voting be
1779 completed on an official ballot using a pen or marker;
1780 amending s. 101.591, F.S.; removing provisions
1781 relating to the performance of a manual audit;
1782 requiring the county canvassing board or other local
1783 board responsible for certifying an election to
1784 conduct an automated, independent vote validation of
1785 voting systems used in all precincts; providing the
1786 process for conducting such automated, independent
1787 vote validation; requiring the canvassing board to
1788 publish a specified notice on the county's website,
1789 the supervisor's website, or in certain newspapers;

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1790 requiring that the vote validation be completed and
1791 made public before the certification of the election;
1792 providing reporting requirements for county canvassing
1793 boards; requiring the results of the vote validation
1794 be included in a specified report submitted to the
1795 Governor and Legislature by a specified date each
1796 year; amending s. 101.5911, F.S.; requiring the
1797 Department of State to adopt certain rules; amending
1798 s. 101.595, F.S.; revising certain reporting
1799 requirements for the Department of State; amending ss.
1800 101.68 and 101.6923, F.S.; conforming provisions to
1801 changes made by the act; amending s. 102.111, F.S.;
1802 revising the meeting time for the Elections Canvassing
1803 Commission; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; revising
1804 provisions relating to reporting election results;
1805 requiring counties to conduct an automated independent
1806 vote validation process for a specified purpose within
1807 a specified timeframe after unofficial results are
1808 reported; requiring the county canvassing board to
1809 take specified actions upon making a determination
1810 that the automated independent vote validation process
1811 failed to count votes; requiring the county canvassing
1812 board to conduct a system validation review under
1813 specified circumstances; removing provisions relating
1814 to recounts by the county canvassing board; requiring

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1815 the county canvassing board to publish certain notice
1816 containing manual review information through specified
1817 means; requiring the county canvassing board to submit
1818 to the Department of State specified forms containing
1819 a vote validation report; removing the requirement for
1820 the supervisor to file with the Department of State
1821 certain results and statistical information; amending
1822 s. 102.166, F.S.; requiring manual reviews of
1823 overvotes and undervotes unless certain conditions
1824 exist; providing that the Secretary of State is
1825 responsible for ordering such review in specified
1826 races and the county canvassing board, or local board
1827 responsible for certifying the election, is
1828 responsible for ordering such reviews in all other
1829 races; authorizing political parties to designate a
1830 certain expert to be allowed in the central counting
1831 room while reviews are being performed; prohibiting
1832 such person from interfering with the normal operation
1833 of the canvassing board; creating s. 104.042, F.S.;
1834 providing a statute of limitations period for election
1835 fraud; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; revising the
1836 contributions or expenditures that a foreign national
1837 is prohibited from making or offering to make;
1838 prohibiting certain persons from accepting specified
1839 contributions; prohibiting certain persons from making

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1840 specified contributions or expenditures; providing an
1841 exception to such prohibition; providing penalties;
1842 creating s. 322.034, F.S.; requiring that Florida
1843 driver licenses and identification cards include
1844 certain information by a specified date; requiring the
1845 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
1846 issue certain replacement or renewal cards at no
1847 charge; amending s. 895.02, F.S.;