

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

ETHICS AND ELECTIONS
Senator Passidomo, Chair
Senator Grimsley, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
TIME: 2:00—4:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Passidomo, Chair; Senator Grimsley, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Braynon, Lee, Rodriguez, and Torres

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Introduction of Committee Members and Staff		Presented
2	Committee Jurisdiction Overview		Presented
3	Other Introductions and Brief Discussion of Top Priorities	The Honorable Ken Detzner, Secretary of State Florida Department of State David Stafford, Legislative Chair Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections	Discussed
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Florida Department of State Division of Elections Overview



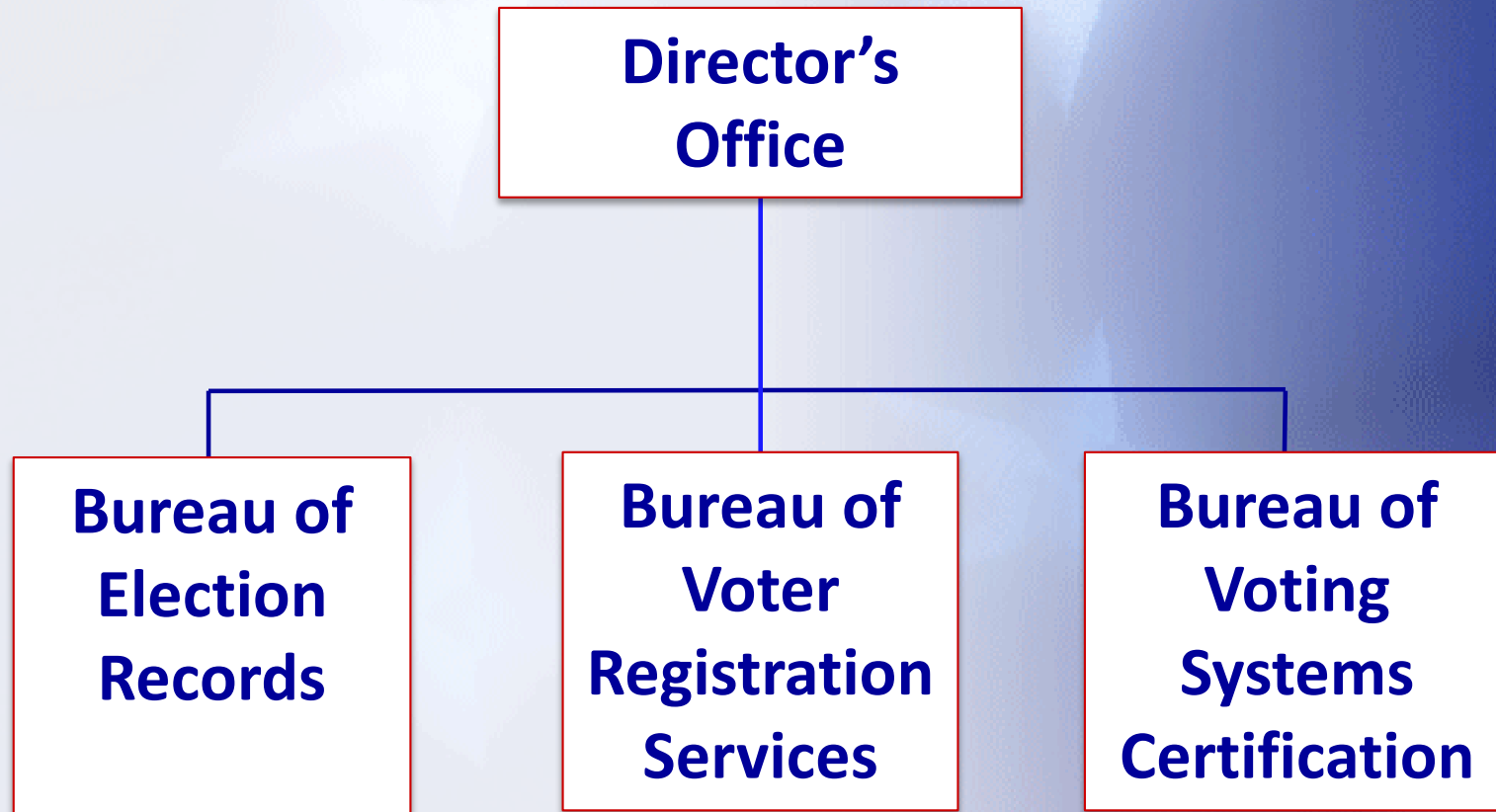
Ken Detzner, Secretary of State
Maria Matthews, Director
December 2016

Florida Election Code

Primary Chapters

- 97 (registration)
- 98 (registration office and procedures)
- 99 (candidates)
- 100 (general, primary and other elections)
- 101 (voting methods/procedures)
- 102 (conducting elections and results)
- 103 (presidential electors)
- 104 (violations; penalties)
- 105 (nonpartisan elections)
- 106 (campaign financing)

Division of Elections



Office of the Director

Major Duties

- Special election reimbursement
- Citizens initiative amendment petition approval
- Help America Vote Act Unit
- National Voter Registration Act Coordinator
- Coordination with Supervisors of Elections Offices

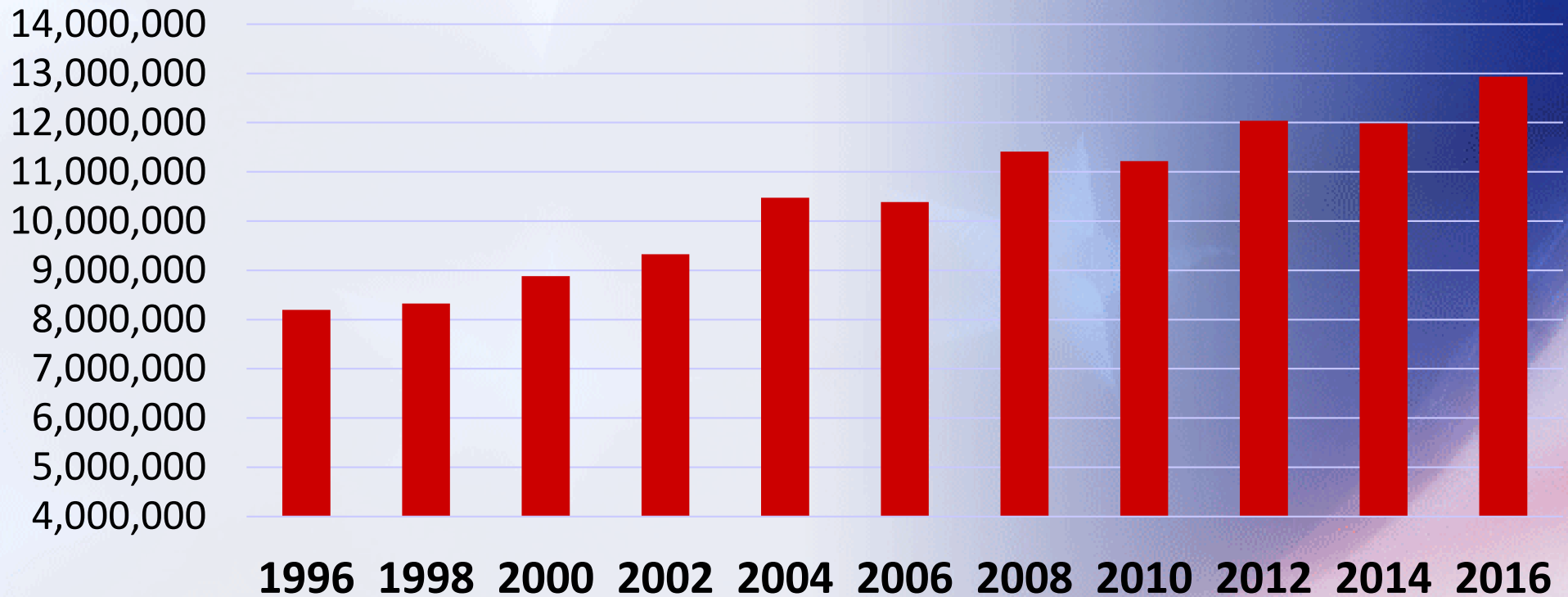
Bureau of Voter Registration Services - Major Duties

- Identify potentially ineligible registered voters
- Enter new and updated voter registration information
- Prepare state and federal summary election related reports, surveys and evaluations
- Respond to public inquires including hotline

Only county Supervisor of Elections have authority:

- *To accept or deny new registration*
- *To remove a registered voter for reasons of ineligibility*

Voter Registration Totals



■ Active Registered Voters

Bureau of Election Records

Major Duties

- Candidate qualifying
- Certifying state and federal offices for ballot
- Campaign finance reporting
- Office commissions

2016 Election Cycle- Activities

(January 2015-December 2016)

Candidate Qualifying

- Candidates qualifying with State: **1,155**

Political Entities Registration (committees and close constantly)

- Actively registered PCs and ECOs: **1,049**

Campaign Finance Reports

- Reports filed: **55,661**
- Amendments to filings **10,547**

Bureau of Voting System Certification

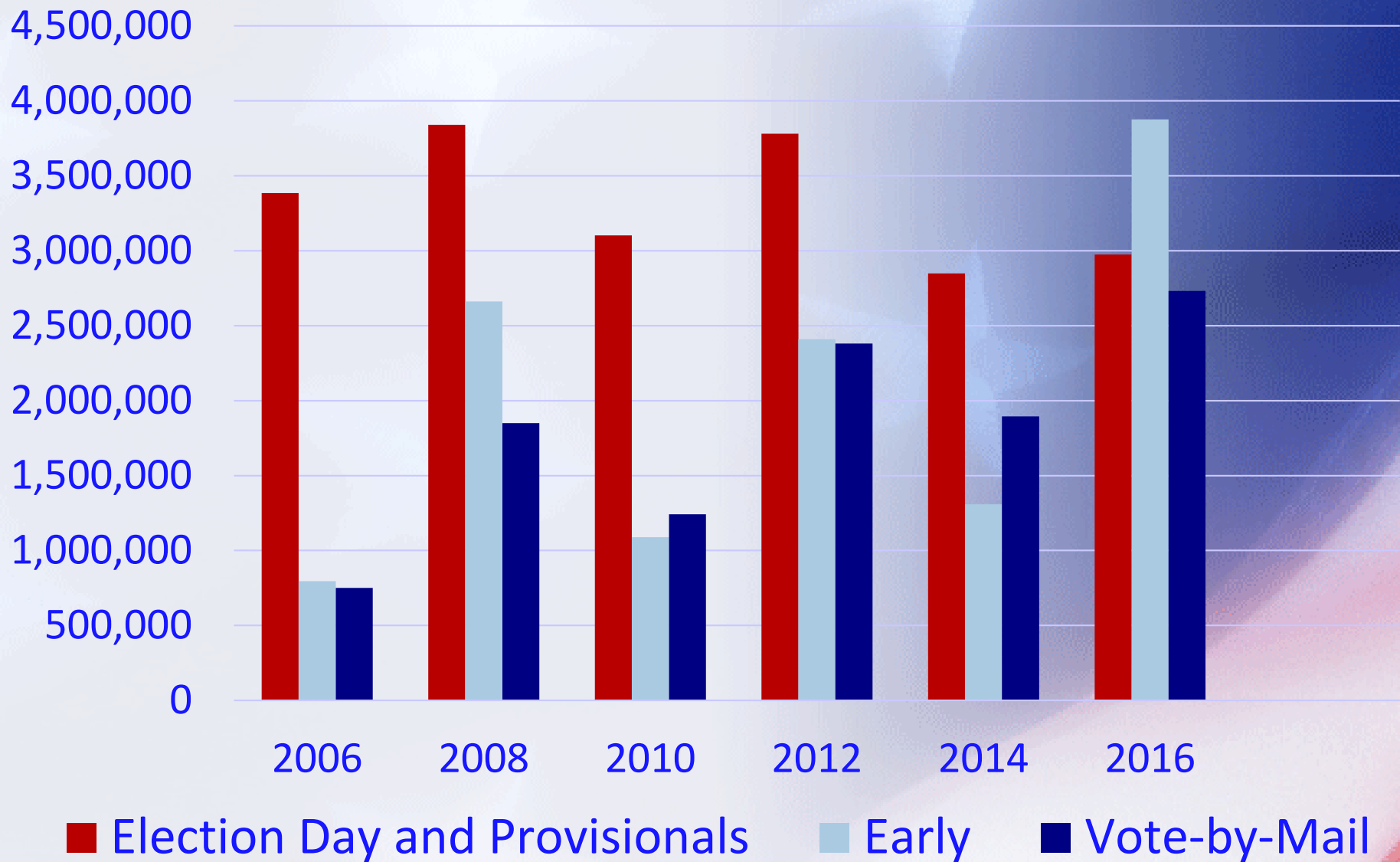
Major Duties

- **Test/Certification** - Voting Systems
- **Technical expertise/support** to counties
- **Reviews/Approvals** - Ancillary Equipment (Software-Hardware)
- **Reviews** - County Security Procedures - Pre-election and comprehensive bi-ennial
- **Custodian** of pre-and post-election voting system testing and **precinct-level election results**
- **Onsite observations** - logic & accuracy testing, early voting, & Election Day
- **Report reviews** - Conduct of elections; post-election voting system audits, and undervotes/overvotes

Voter Turnout

Year	PPP	Primary	General
2006	N/A	20%	47%
2008	42%	18%	75%
2010	N/A	22%	49%
2012	41%	21%	72%
2014	N/A	18%	51%
2016	46%	24%	74.5%

Voting by Method



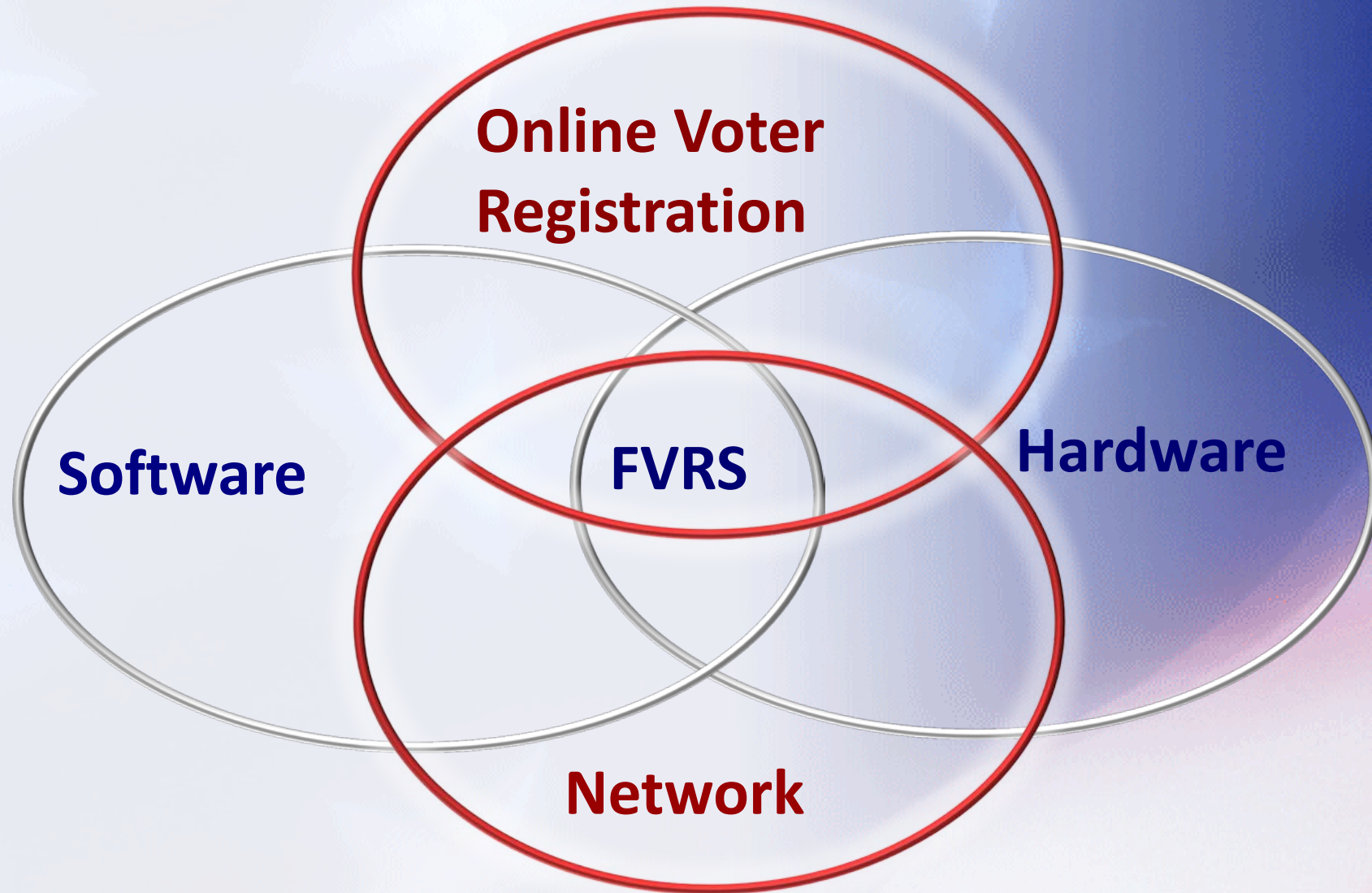
Recent Legislation

- Voter Identification:
 - Ch. 2016-167, Laws of Florida
 - Added three forms of ID to list of allowable IDs and the polls
 - Veteran health ID card
 - License to carry a concealed weapon
 - Government employee ID card
- Terminology change:
 - Ch. 2016-37, Laws of Florida
 - “Vote-by-mail ballot” replaced “Absentee ballot”

Online Voter Registration (OVR) System

- Ch. 2015-36, Laws of Florida
- \$1.8M nonrecurring (Federal Grants Trust Fund)
FY 15-16
- Implementation scheduled for October 2017
- Codified in section 97.0525, Fla. Stat.
- Scope – secure Internet website for online voter registration (new and updates) applications

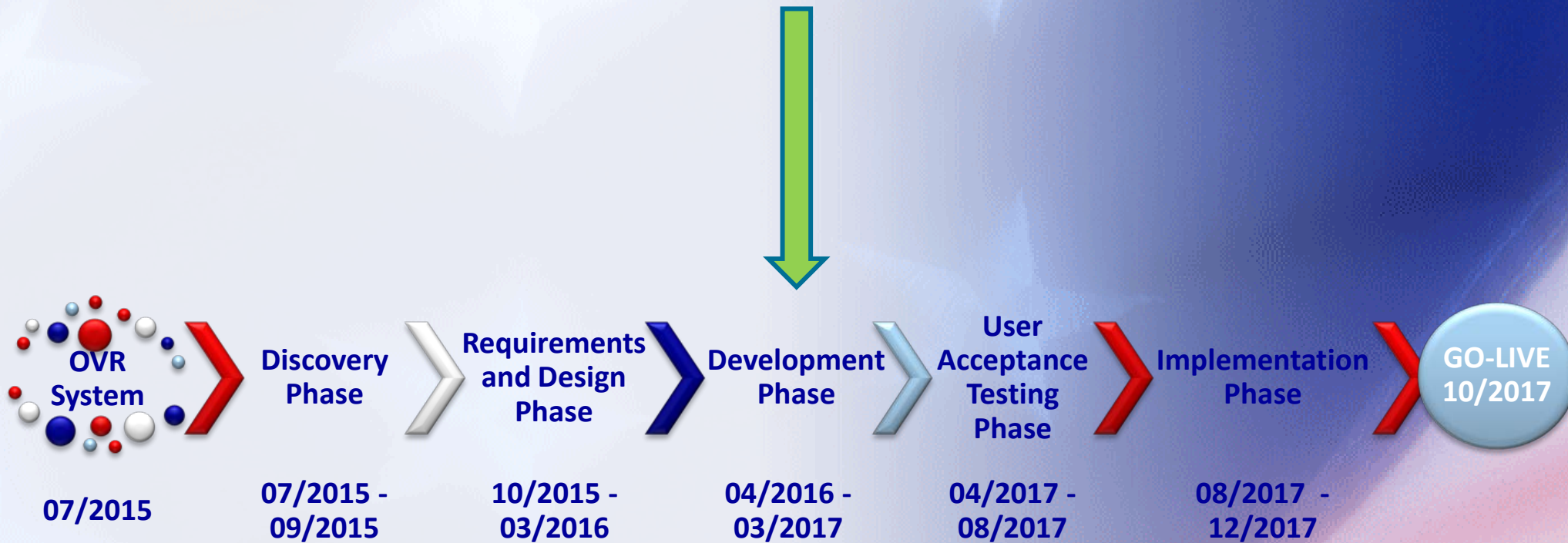
Database Environment and System



Key Provisions

- Security
- Unique Identifier
- Online Verification
- Eligibility Requirements
- Immediate Electronic Confirmation of Voter Application
- Compliance with Accessibility Standards

Projected Timeline





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Priority legislative issues are:

- Passage of statutory language which will allow and authorize the implementation of ERIC in Florida. The involvement and leadership of the Division of Elections on this issue is critical since it will be the entity which must implement the ERIC and manage the information between states.
- Exempt voter's personal information in the voter registration file from public record access. Exempting pre-registered 16 and 17 year olds information is very important.

Other issues are:

- If sample ballots are provided to county voters by mail or e-mail there would be no requirement of publication in a local newspaper.
- Provide clarification in section 101.043 (1), F.S., concerning address confirmation processes provided in subsection (b) and (c).
- Consider removing committeemen and women from the ballot.
- Eliminate identification requirement in the cure process dealing with no signature vote-by-mail ballots.
- Transition of HAVA-funded positions to general revenue at Division of Elections.

Additional issues have emerged due to judicial intervention during the recent elections:

- Provide time to remedy a qualifying fee rejected due to insufficient funds in campaign account.
- Extend book closing date due to an election related "emergency".
- Provide statutory cure process for mismatched vote-by-mail signatures.

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12/13/14

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Elections

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: KN 412
Caption: Senate Ethics and Elections

Case No.:
Judge:

Type:

Started: 12/13/2016 2:02:57 PM
Ends: 12/13/2016 3:17:34 PM **Length:** 01:14:38

2:02:57 PM Meeting called to order
2:03:07 PM Roll call
2:03:51 PM Tab 1 - Committee staff introductions by Chair Passidomo
2:07:12 PM Member introductions
2:07:20 PM Senator Braynon
2:07:42 PM Senator Torres
2:08:02 PM Senator Grimsley
2:08:21 PM Senator Rodriguez
2:08:36 PM Senator Bean
2:09:10 PM Chair Passidomo
2:09:30 PM Tab 2 - Committee Jurisdiction Overview
2:09:42 PM Cameron Ulrich, Staff Director
2:15:28 PM Senator Lee to introduce himself
2:15:57 PM Tab 3 - Introductions and Brief Discussion of Top Priorities
2:16:27 PM Ken Detzner, Secretary of State, Florida Department of State
2:17:26 PM 2016 Election Update
2:21:34 PM Senator Torres questions to Ken Detzner re: early voting and response
2:23:52 PM Senator Lee question to Ken Detzner re: has turnout increased last 20 or 30 years
2:25:54 PM Ken Detzner responds
2:26:54 PM Senator Grimsley question to Ken Detzner re: percent by mail and on election day and response by Ken Detzner
2:28:13 PM Senator Grimsley, how many were provisional ballots
2:28:24 PM Senator Torres question to Ken Detzner and response
2:29:32 PM Senator Rodriguez question to Ken Detzner
2:30:18 PM Response by Ken Detzner
2:31:41 PM Presentation by Maria Matthews, Director, Division of Elections
2:43:00 PM Senator Bean question to Maria Matthews
2:44:24 PM Senator Bean question to Maria Matthews, how are names removed
2:46:59 PM Senator Bean question to Maria Matthews re: moving to another state and being registered in two states
2:49:44 PM Senator Torres question to Maria Matthews re: Gov. I.D.'s, is a passport a form of I.D.
2:50:50 PM Senator Torres question to Maria Matthews, what is the process for military voting overseas
2:52:24 PM Chair Passidomo question to Maria Matthews
2:53:09 PM David Stafford, Legislative Chair, Florida State Assoc. of Supervisors of Elections
3:13:07 PM Senator Bean question for David Stafford re: write in candidates
3:16:05 PM Chris Chambless, Supervisor, Clay County
3:17:17 PM Senator Bean moves to rise
3:17:23 PM Meeting adjourned