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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to vote-by-mail ballots; amending s.
101.68, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to
allow submission of an affidavit to cure signature
discrepancies on a vote-by-mail ballot; correcting a
scrivener's error; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

(4)

(b) Until 5 p.m. on the day before an election, the
supervisor shall allow an elector who has returned a vote-by-
mail ballot that does not include the elector's signature, or
that was rejected due to a difference between the elector's
signature on the voter's certificate or vote-by-mail ballot
affidavit and the elector's signature in the registration books
or precinct register, to complete and submit an affidavit in
order to cure the ~~unsigned~~ vote-by-mail ballot.

(d) Instructions must accompany the vote-by-mail ballot
affidavit in substantially the following form:

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

1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be
counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as soon
as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of
the county in which your precinct is located no later than 5

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33 p.m. on the ~~2nd~~ day before the election.

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

36 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of
37 identification:

38 a. Identification that includes your name and photograph:
39 United States passport; debit or credit card; military
40 identification; student identification; retirement center
41 identification; neighborhood association identification; public
42 assistance identification; veteran health identification card
43 issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; a
44 Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an
45 employee identification card issued by any branch, department,
46 agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a
47 county, or a municipality; or

48 b. Identification that shows your name and current
49 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
50 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
51 voter identification card).

52 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
53 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
54 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail, deliver, or have
55 delivered the completed affidavit along with the copy of your
56 identification to your county supervisor of elections. Be sure
57 there is sufficient postage if mailed and that the supervisor's
58 address is correct.

59 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
60 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
61 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as

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62 attachments.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.