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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment to Amendment (509936) (with title amendment)

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Before line 5

insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities; persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas; unlawful solicitation of voters.-

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11 (4) (a) No person, political committee, or other group or 12 organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or 13 within 100 150 feet of the entrance to any polling place, a 14 polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the supervisor where vote-by-15 mail ballots are requested and printed on demand for the 16 17 convenience of electors who appear in person to request them. 18 Before the opening of the polling place or early voting site, 19 the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone 20 and mark the boundaries.

21 (b) For the purpose of this subsection, the terms "solicit" 22 or "solicitation" shall include, but not be limited to, seeking or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution; distributing or attempting to distribute any political or campaign material, leaflet, or handout; conducting a poll except as specified in this paragraph; seeking or attempting to seek a 27 signature on any petition; and selling or attempting to sell any item. The terms "solicit" or "solicitation" may not be construed 29 to prohibit exit polling.

30 (c) Each supervisor of elections shall inform the clerk of 31 the area within which soliciting is unlawful, based on the 32 particular characteristics of that polling place. The supervisor 33 or the clerk may take any reasonable action necessary to ensure order at the polling places, including, but not limited to, 34 35 having disruptive and unruly persons removed by law enforcement 36 officers from the polling room or place or from the 100-foot 37 150-foot zone surrounding the polling place.

38 (d) Except as provided in paragraph (a), the supervisor may not designate a no-solicitation zone or otherwise restrict 39

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40	access to any person, political committee, candidate, or other
41	group or organization for the purposes of soliciting voters.
42	This paragraph applies to any public or private property used as
43	a polling place or early voting site.
44	(c) The owner, operator, or lessee of the property on which
45	a polling place or an early voting site is located, or an agent
46	or employee thereof, may not prohibit the solicitation of voters
47	outside of the no-solicitation zone during polling hours.
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49	=========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
50	And the title is amended as follows:
51	Delete lines 427 - 428
52	and insert:
53	An act relating to elections; amending s. 102.031,
54	F.S.; reducing the size of the no-solicitation zone
55	surrounding the entrance to any polling place;
56	deleting provisions restricting the establishment of
57	additional no-solicitation zones outside of the 100-
58	foot zone; amending s. 15.21, F.S.; requiring the