

By Representative Fischer

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to ballots; amending s.  
3           101.5609, F.S.; requiring the page or series of  
4           pages of a ballot information booklet relating  
5           to presidential races to be separate from all  
6           other candidacies, proposals, public measures,  
7           and propositions; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section  
12   101.5609, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended to  
13   read:

14           101.5609 Ballot requirements.--

15           (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3),  
16   the ballot information shall, as far as practicable, be in the  
17   order of arrangement provided for paper ballots. Ballots for  
18   all questions or propositions to be voted on shall be provided  
19   in the same manner and shall be arranged on or in the voting  
20   device, if necessary, in the places provided for such  
21   purposes.

22           (3) When an electronic voting system utilizes a ballot  
23   information booklet for candidates and propositions to be  
24   voted upon, such ballot information may be provided with a  
25   series of pages distinguished by different colors. More than  
26   one public measure or proposition may be placed on the same  
27   page or series of pages. However, with respect to ballot  
28   information on candidates, the category reserved for  
29   candidates for President and Vice President must appear on the  
30   same page or series of pages, and no other candidate, category  
31   of candidates, or proposal, public measure, or proposition may

1 appear on such page or pages. The supervisor of elections may  
2 complete the ballot information booklet with categories of  
3 candidates out of proper sequence, but only if and to the  
4 extent necessary to segregate the presidential races as  
5 required by this subsection.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998.

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9 HOUSE SUMMARY

10 With respect to electronic voting systems that utilize a  
11 ballot information booklet, requires the page or series  
12 of pages of the booklet that relate to presidential races  
13 to be separate from all other candidacies, proposals,  
14 public measures, and propositions.  
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