Florida Senate - 2004

SB 2566

By Senator Dockery

15-1766-04 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to absentee ballots; amending 3 s. 101.64, F.S.; removing the requirement that 4 a voter's signature on an absentee ballot must 5 be witnessed; providing an effective date. 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 8 9 Section 1. Section 101.64, Florida Statutes, is 10 amended to read: 101.64 Delivery of absentee ballots; envelopes; 11 12 form.--The supervisor shall enclose with each absentee 13 (1)14 ballot two envelopes: a secrecy envelope, into which the absent elector shall enclose his or her marked ballot; and a 15 mailing envelope, into which the absent elector shall then 16 17 place the secrecy envelope, which shall be addressed to the supervisor and also bear on the back side a certificate in 18 19 substantially the following form: 20 Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before 21 22 Marking Ballot and Completing Voter's Certificate. 23 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE 24 25 I, ..., do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a 26 qualified and registered voter of County, Florida, and 27 that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I understand that if I commit or attempt to commit 28 any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, 29 30 or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a 31 felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or 1

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    imprisoned for up to 5 years. I also understand that failure
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    to sign this certificate and have my signature properly
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   witnessed will invalidate my ballot.
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    ...(Date)...
                                           ... (Voter's Signature)...
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   Note: Your Signature Must Be Witnessed By One Witness 18 Years
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    of Age or Older as provided in the Instruction Sheet.
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    I swear or affirm that the voter signed this Voter's
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    Certificate in my presence.
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   ...(Signature of Witness)...
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   ...(Address)...
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           (2) The certificate shall be arranged on the back of
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    the mailing envelope so that the lines for the signature
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    signatures of the absent elector is and the attesting witness
   are across the seal of the envelope; however, no statement
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    shall appear on the envelope which indicates that a signature
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    of the voter or witness must cross the seal of the envelope.
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    The absent elector and the attesting witness shall execute the
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    certificate on the envelope.
           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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                             SENATE SUMMARY
      Removes the requirement that a person 18 years of age or older witness a voter's signature on an absentee ballot.
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