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11   The Committee on Judiciary (Campbell) recommended the

12   following **amendment to amendment** (912202):

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14   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15   On page 74, line 24, through

16   page 77, line 1, delete those lines

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18   and insert:

19   Section 46. Subsection (1) of section 101.657, Florida

20   Statutes, is amended, present subsection (2) of that section

21   is renumbered as subsection (4), and new subsections (2) and

22   (3) are added to that section, to read:

23   101.657 Early voting.--

24   (1)(a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor

25   of elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main

26   or branch office of the supervisor by depositing the voted

27   ballot in a voting device used by the supervisor to collect or

28   tabulate ballots. In order for a branch office to be used for

29   early voting, it shall be a permanent full-service facility of

30   the supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such

31   for at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may

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1 <u>also</u> designate any city hall or <u>permanent</u> public library

2 <u>facility</u> as early voting sites; however, if so designated, the

3 sites must be geographically located so as to provide all

4 voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot,

5 insofar as is practicable. The results or tabulation <u>of votes</u>

6 <u>cast during early voting</u> may not be made before the close of

7 the polls on election day. <u>Results shall be reported by</u>

8 <u>precinct.</u>

9   (b) The supervisor shall designate each early voting

10 <u>site by no later than the 30th day prior to an election and</u>

11 <u>shall designate an early voting area, as defined in s. 97.021,</u>

12 <u>at each early voting site. Designation of early voting sites</u>

13 <u>may not be changed except by petition to the division, which</u>

14 <u>petition shall only be granted for reasons of a natural or</u>

15 <u>unavoidable event resulting in the unavailability of such</u>

16 <u>early voting site.</u>

17   (c) All early voting sites in a county shall be open

18 <u>on the same days for the same amount of time and shall allow</u>

19 <u>any person in line at the closing of an early voting site to</u>

20 <u>vote.</u>

21   <u>(d)</u>~~(b)~~ Early voting shall begin on the 15th day before

22 an election and end on the <u>2nd</u> day before an election. For

23 purposes of a special election held pursuant to s. 100.101,

24 early voting shall begin on the 8th day before an election and

25 end on the <u>2nd</u> day before an election. Early voting shall be

26 provided for ~~at least~~ 8 hours per weekday <u>and 8 hours in the</u>

27 <u>aggregate each weekend at each site during the applicable</u>

28 <u>periods. Early voting sites shall open no sooner than 7 a.m.</u>

29 <u>and close no later than 7 p.m. on each applicable day</u> ~~during~~

30 ~~the applicable periods. Early voting shall also be provided~~

31 ~~for 8 hours in the aggregate for each weekend during the~~

1 <s>applicable periods</s>.

2   (e) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 100.3605,

3 <u>municipalities may provide early voting in municipal elections</u>

4 <u>that are not held in conjunction with county or state</u>

5 <u>elections. If a municipality provides early voting, it may</u>

6 <u>designate as many sites as necessary and shall conduct its</u>

7 <u>activities in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs</u>

8 <u>(a)-(c). The supervisor is not required to conduct early</u>

9 <u>voting if it is provided pursuant to this subsection.</u>

10   (f) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 189.405,

11 <u>special districts may provide early voting in any district</u>

12 <u>election not held in conjunction with county or state</u>

13 <u>elections. If a special district provides early voting, it may</u>

14 <u>designate as many sites as necessary and shall conduct its</u>

15 <u>activities in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs</u>

16 <u>(a)-(c). The supervisor is not required to conduct early</u>

17 <u>voting if it is provided pursuant to this subsection.</u>

18   (2) During any early voting period, each supervisor of

19 <u>elections shall make available the total number of voters</u>

20 <u>casting a ballot at each early voting location during the</u>

21 <u>previous day. Each supervisor shall prepare an electronic data</u>

22 <u>file listing the individual voters who cast a ballot during</u>

23 <u>the early voting period. This information shall be provided in</u>

24 <u>electronic format as provided by rule adopted by the division.</u>

25 <u>The information shall be updated and made available no later</u>

26 <u>than noon of each day and shall be contemporaneously provided</u>

27 <u>to the division.</u>

28   (3) The ballot of each elector voting early shall be

29 <u>counted even if the elector dies on or before election day.</u>

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2 | And the title is amended as follows:

3 | On page 133, line 3, after the semicolon,

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5 | insert:

6 | requiring that an early voting ballot that

7 | otherwise satisfies the requirements of law for

8 | early voting ballots be counted even if the

9 | elector dies on or before election day;

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