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11	The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
12	Appropriations (Webster) recommended the following amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 25, between lines 27 & 28,
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17	insert:
18	Section 20. Effective August 1, 2007, subsections (1)
19	and (3) of section 100.371, Florida Statutes, are amended,
20	present subsection (6) of that section is renumbered as
21	subsection (7) and amended, and a new subsection (6) is added
22	to that section, to read:
23	100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on
24	ballot
25	(1) Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative
26	shall be placed on the ballot for the general election,
27	provided the initiative <u>petition</u> has been filed with the
28	Secretary of State no later than February 1 of the year the
29	general election is held. A petition shall be deemed to be
30	filed with the Secretary of State upon the date the secretary
31	determines that valid and verified the petition forms have $\frac{1}{1}$
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1	been signed by the constitutionally required number and
2	distribution of electors under this code, subject to the right
3	of revocation established in this section.
4	(3) Each signature shall be dated when made and shall
5	be valid for a period of 4 years following such date, provided
6	all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall
7	submit signed and dated forms to the appropriate supervisor of
8	elections for verification as to the number of registered
9	electors whose valid signatures appear thereon. The supervisor
10	shall promptly verify the signatures within 30 days of receipt
11	of the petition forms and upon payment of the fee required by
12	s. 99.097. The supervisor shall promptly record each valid
13	signature in the statewide voter registration system <u>,</u> in the
14	manner prescribed by the Secretary of State <u>, the date each</u>
15	form is received by the supervisor and the date the signature
16	on the form is verified as valid. The supervisor may verify
17	that the signature on a form is valid only if:
18	(a) The form contains the original signature of the
19	purported elector.
20	(b) The purported elector has accurately recorded on
21	the form the date on which he or she signed the form.
22	(c) The date the elector signed the form, as recorded
23	by the elector, is no more than 30 days before the date the
24	form is received by the supervisor of elections.
25	(d) The form accurately sets forth the purported
26	elector's name, street address, county, and voter registration
27	number or date of birth.
28	(e) The purported elector is, at the time he or she
29	signs the form, a duly qualified and registered elector
30	authorized to vote in the county in which his or her signature
31	is submitted.
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2	The supervisor shall retain the signature forms for at least 1
3	year following the election in which the issue appeared on the
4	ballot or until the Division of Elections notifies the
5	supervisors of elections that the committee which circulated
6	the petition is no longer seeking to obtain ballot position.
7	(6)(a) An elector's signature on a petition form may
8	be revoked by submitting to the appropriate supervisor of
9	elections a signed petition-revocation form adopted by rule
10	for this purpose by the division.
11	(b) The petition-revocation form and the manner in
12	which signatures are obtained, submitted, and verified shall
13	be subject to the same relevant requirements and timeframes as
14	the corresponding petition form and processes under this code
15	and shall be approved by the Secretary of State before any
16	signature on a petition-revocation form is obtained.
17	(c) Supervisors of elections shall provide
18	petition-revocation forms to the public at all main and branch
19	offices.
20	(d) The petition-revocation form shall be filed with
21	the supervisor of elections by February 1 preceding the next
22	general election or, if the initiative amendment is not
23	certified for ballot position in that election, by February 1
24	preceding the next successive general election. The supervisor
25	of elections shall promptly verify the signature on the
26	petition-revocation form and process such revocation upon
27	payment, in advance, of a fee of 10 cents or the actual cost
28	of verifying such signature, whichever is less. The supervisor
29	shall promptly record each valid and verified
30	petition-revocation form in the statewide voter registration
31	system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.
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         (7) (6) The Department of State may adopt rules in
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   subsections(1) - (6) (1) - (5).
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   (Redesignate subsequent sections.)
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   And the title is amended as follows:
          On page 3, line 7, immediately after the first
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   insert:
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          amending s. 100.371, F.S.; requiring initiative
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          petition forms to be signed by the
          constitutionally required distribution of
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          electors; amending timeframes for verifying
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          petition signatures; prescribing information
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          that must be on a petition initiative form, and
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          conditions with which the elector signing it
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          must comply, before the form may be verified;
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          providing procedures for revocation of a
          signature on a petition form;
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