HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/CS/HB 1355 (2011)

Amendment No. CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 Representative Randolph offered the following: 2 3 Amendment to Amendment (167836) (with title amendment) 4 Remove lines 101-155 and insert: 5 (3) (a) A third-party voter registration organization that 6 collects voter registration applications or a political party, 7 third-party organization, or campaign that collects absentee 8 ballot requests or completed absentee ballots serves as a 9 fiduciary to the applicant, ensuring that any voter registration 10 application or absentee ballot application or absentee ballot 11 entrusted to the entity third-party voter registration 12 organization, irrespective of party affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender, shall be promptly delivered to the 13 14 division or the supervisor of elections within 48 hours after 15 the applicant completes it or the next business day if the appropriate office is closed for that 48-hour period. If a voter 16 663199 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 4:06:21 PM Page 1 of 4

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Amendment No. 17 registration application, absentee ballot request, or completed 18 <u>absentee ballot</u> collected by any third-party voter registration 19 organization is not promptly delivered to the division or 20 supervisor of elections, the third-party voter registration 21 organization, political party, third-party organization, or 22 campaign is shall be liable for the following fines:

1.(a) A fine in the amount of \$50 for each application, 23 24 absentee ballot request, or completed absentee ballot received 25 by the division or the supervisor of elections more than 48 26 hours 10 days after the applicant delivered the completed voter 27 registration application, absentee ballot request, or absentee 28 ballot to the third-party voter registration organization, 29 political party, third-party organization, or campaign or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, or the next 30 business day, if the office is closed. A fine in the amount of 31 32 \$250 for each application, absentee ballot request, or completed absentee ballot received if the third-party voter registration 33 organization, political party, third-party organization, or 34 35 campaign or any registration organization or person, entity, or 36 agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

37 2.(b) A fine in the amount of \$100 for each application, 38 absentee ballot request, or completed absentee ballot collected 39 by a third-party voter registration organization, political party, third-party organization, or campaign or any person, 40 entity, or agent acting on its behalf, before prior to book 41 42 closing for any given election for federal or state office and received by the division or the supervisor of elections after 43 the book closing deadline for such election. A fine in the 44 663199 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 4:06:21 PM

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45 amount of \$500 for each application, absentee ballot request, or 46 <u>competed absentee ballot</u> received if the third-party voter 47 registration organization, political party, third-party 48 <u>organization, or campaign or any or person, entity, or agency</u> 49 acting on its behalf acted willfully.

3.(c) A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application, 50 absentee ballot request, or completed absentee ballot collected 51 52 by a third-party voter registration organization, political 53 party, third-party organization, or campaign or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not submitted to 54 55 the division or supervisor of elections. A fine in the amount of 56 \$1,000 for any application, absentee ballot request, or competed 57 absentee ballot not submitted if the third-party registration organization, political party, third-party organization, or 58 59 campaign or any or person, entity, or agency acting on its 60 behalf acted willfully.

The aggregate fine pursuant to this paragraph subsection which 62 63 may be assessed against a third-party voter registration 64 organization, including affiliate organizations, or a political party, third-party organization, or campaign that collects 65 66 absentee ballot requests or completed absentee ballots for 67 violations committed in a calendar year is shall be \$1,000. 68 (b) A showing by the fines provided in this subsection 69 shall be reduced by three-fourths in cases in which the third-70 party voter registration organization, or the political party, third-party organization, or campaign that collects absentee 71 72 ballot requests or completed absenttee ballots that the failure 663199 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 4:06:21 PM

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73	to deliver the voter registration applications or absentee
74	ballot requests within the required timeframe is based upon
75	force majeure or impossibility of performance is an affirmative
76	defense to a violation of this subsection has complied with
77	subsection (1) . The secretary <u>may</u> shall waive the fines
78	described in this subsection upon a showing that the failure to
79	deliver the voter registration application promptly is based
80	upon force majeure or impossibility of performance.
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84	TITLE AMENDMENT
85	Remove lines 3963-3964 and insert:
86	third-party voter registration organizations, or political
87	parties, third-party organizations, or campaigns that collect
88	absentee ballot requests or completed absentee ballots to
89	deliver collected voter registration applications, absentee
90	ballot requests, or completed absentee ballots
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