A bill to be entitled

An act relating to overseas voting; amending s. 101.697, F.S.; requiring that the Department of State adopt rules to authorize a supervisor of elections to accept from an overseas voter a request for an absentee ballot or a voted absentee ballot by secure electronic mail; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 101.697, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.697 Electronic transmission of election materials.—The Department of State shall determine whether secure electronic means can be established for receiving ballots from overseas voters. If such security can be established, the department shall adopt rules to authorize a supervisor of elections to accept from an overseas voter a request for an absentee ballot or a voted absentee ballot by secure facsimile machine transmission, secure electronic mail, or other secure electronic means. The rules must provide that in order to accept a voted ballot, the verification of the voter must be established, the security of the transmission must be established, and each ballot received must be recorded.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.