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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elections; amending s. 101.657,
3 F.S.; expanding the early voting period for elections
4 that contain state or federal races; providing that
5 supervisors of elections may provide early voting for
6 no more than 14 hours per day for general election
7 early voting; requiring supervisors of elections to
8 submit a report to the Secretary of State at least 3
9 months before a general election; specifying the
10 content of the report; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
15 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 101.657 Early voting.—

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18 (d) Early voting begins ~~shall begin~~ on the 10th day before
19 an election that contains state or federal races and ends ~~end~~ on
20 the 2nd 3rd day before the election, and must ~~shall~~ be provided
21 for no less than 6 hours and no more than 12 hours per day at
22 each site during the applicable period. For a general election,
23 the supervisor of elections may extend early voting to no more
24 than 14 hours per day at each site during the applicable period.

25 The supervisor of elections may provide early voting for
26 elections that are not held in conjunction with a state or
27 federal election. However, the supervisor has the discretion to
28 determine the hours of operation of early voting sites in those
29 elections.

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30 Section 2. Each supervisor of elections must submit a
31 report to the Secretary of State at least 3 months before a
32 general election which outlines preparations for the upcoming
33 general election. The report must include, at a minimum, the
34 following elements: the anticipated staffing levels during the
35 early voting period, on election day, and after election day,
36 and the anticipated amount of automatic tabulating equipment at
37 each early voting site and polling place.

38 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.