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	LEGISLATIVE ACTION	
Senate		House
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03/10/2014		

The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Soto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

3 Between lines 272 and 273

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Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.657 Early voting.—

(1) (a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,



code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also designate any city hall, permanent public library facility, fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior center, or government-owned community center, Florida College System institution facility, or state university facility, or college facility as early voting sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable. In addition, a supervisor may designate one early voting site per election in an area of the county that does not have any of the eligible early voting locations. Such additional early voting site must be geographically located so as to provide all voters in that area with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable. Each county shall, at a minimum, operate the same total number of early voting sites for a general election which the county operated for the 2012 general election. The results or tabulation of votes cast during early voting may not be made before the close of the polls on election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 21



40	and insert:	
41	met; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; revising the list of	
42	permissible sites available for early voting; amending	
43	s. 101.68, F.S.; revising instructions	