

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 386

INTRODUCER: Senator Gibson

SUBJECT: Voter Registration

DATE: March 11, 2015

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Carlton	Roberts	EE	Favorable
2.			CA	
3.			FP	

I. Summary:

SB 386 authorizes an elector who moves within the state to notify the Supervisor of Elections of the change in his or her address via online form. The bill requires Supervisors of Elections to make an online address change form available on his or her official website.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

II. Present Situation:

Currently, s. 97.1031, F.S., requires electors to change their address utilizing a voter registration application. However, that statute also allows an elector who is moving within Florida to notify the Supervisor of Elections of the elector's new county via telephone or electronic means.¹ To confirm that the elector is who he or she represents himself or herself to be, the elector must provide his or her date of birth in the telephone call or electronic communication.² In addition to these two methods, an elector who moves within Florida may also change his or her address via written notice to the new Supervisor of Elections.³

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 386 authorizes an elector who moves within the state to notify the Supervisor of Elections of the change in his or her address via online form. The bill requires supervisors of Elections to make an online address change form available on his or her official website.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

¹ Section 97.1031(1)(b), F.S.

² Section 97.1031(1)(b)1., F.S.

³ Section 97.1031(1)(b)2., F.S.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

While SB 386 may require some Supervisors of Elections to incur additional money to create the online change of address form, the County Mandate Restriction does not apply because election laws are exempt from this requirement pursuant to Art. VII, section 18(d) of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Supervisors of Elections may incur additional costs to create the online change of address form on their official website. The amount of such costs is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 97.1031 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
