

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to specifications for ballots;  
 3           amending s. 101.151, F.S.; requiring ballots to use a  
 4           uniform vote target throughout the state; requiring  
 5           the Secretary of State to solicit certain votes from  
 6           the supervisor of elections and require the immediate  
 7           implementation of a uniform vote target; providing a  
 8           procedure to change the uniform vote target; requiring  
 9           a supervisor of elections who must make a substantial  
 10          change to a voting system to implement the uniform  
 11          vote target within a specified period; providing an  
 12          effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 101.151, Florida  
 17   Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10) and a new subsection  
 18   (9) is added to that section, to read:

19           101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

20           (9) (a) Ballots shall use a uniform vote target throughout  
 21   the state. For purposes of this subsection, "vote target" means  
 22   an area on a ballot where a voter indicates his or her ballot  
 23   selection, and includes, but is not limited to, an oval, square,  
 24   rectangle, or broken arrow.

25           (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of State

26 | shall solicit the electronic votes of the supervisors of  
27 | elections on the uniform vote target, and shall require  
28 | supervisors of elections to immediately implement a vote target  
29 | that receives at least a two-thirds majority vote. Thereafter,  
30 | the Secretary of State shall solicit the electronic votes of the  
31 | supervisors of elections on the uniform vote target when at  
32 | least 10 percent of the supervisors of elections formally  
33 | petition for a change in the vote target, and shall require  
34 | supervisors of elections to immediately implement a vote target  
35 | that receives a unanimous vote.

36 | (c) Paragraph (b) notwithstanding, a supervisor of  
37 | elections who must make a substantial change to a voting system  
38 | in order to comply with this requirement shall implement the  
39 | uniform vote target as soon as is practicable within 6 years  
40 | after such vote target is selected.

41 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.