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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; defining the
5 term "vote target"; requiring the Secretary of State
6 to solicit certain votes from the supervisors of
7 elections and to require the immediate implementation
8 of a uniform vote target; providing a procedure to
9 change the uniform vote target; requiring a supervisor
10 of elections who must make a substantial change to a
11 voting system to implement the uniform vote target
12 within a specified period; providing an effective
13 date.

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

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

20 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

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

26 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of State
27 shall solicit the electronic votes of the supervisors of
28 elections on the uniform vote target, and shall require
29 supervisors of elections to immediately implement a vote target

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

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

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