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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Baxley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 439 - 456

and insert:

(9) (a) The Department of State shall adopt rules prescribing a uniform primary and general election ballot for each certified voting system. The rules shall incorporate the requirements set forth in this section and shall prescribe additional matters and forms that include, without limitation:

1. The ballot title followed by clear and unambiguous ballot instructions and directions limited to a single location



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12 on the ballot, either:

13 a. Centered across the top of the ballot; or

14 b. In the leftmost column, with no individual races in that
15 column unless it is the only column on the ballot;

16 2. Individual race layout; ~~and~~

17 3. Overall ballot layout; and

18 4. Oval vote targets as the only permissible type of vote
19 target, except as provided in s. 101.56075.

20 (b) The ~~department~~ rules must ~~shall~~ graphically depict a
21 sample uniform primary and general election ballot form for each
22 certified voting system.

23 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
24 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25 101.657 Early voting.—

26 (1)(a) As a convenience to the voter, the supervisor of
27 elections shall allow an elector to vote early in the main or
28 branch office of the supervisor. The supervisor shall mark,
29 code, indicate on, or otherwise track the voter's precinct for
30 each early voted ballot. In order for a branch office to be used
31 for early voting, it shall be a permanent facility of the
32 supervisor and shall have been designated and used as such for
33 at least 1 year prior to the election. The supervisor may also
34 designate any city hall, permanent public library facility,
35 fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission
36 building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior
37 center, or government-owned community center as early voting
38 sites; however, if so designated, the sites must be
39 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county
40 an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is



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41 practicable, and must provide sufficient nonpermitted parking to
42 accommodate the anticipated amount of voters. In addition, a
43 supervisor may designate one early voting site per election in
44 an area of the county that does not have any of the eligible
45 early voting locations. Such additional early voting site must
46 be geographically located so as to provide all voters in that
47 area with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is
48 practicable, and must provide sufficient nonpermitted parking to
49 accommodate the anticipated amount of voters. Each county shall,
50 at a minimum, operate the same total number of early voting
51 sites for a general election which the county operated for the
52 2012 general election. The results or tabulation of votes cast
53 during early voting may not be made before the close of the
54 polls on election day. Results shall be reported by precinct.

55 Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
56 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is
57 added to that subsection, to read:

58 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;
59 persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas;
60 unlawful solicitation of voters.—

61 (4)

62 (c) Each supervisor of elections shall inform the clerk of
63 the area within which soliciting is unlawful, based on the
64 particular characteristics of that polling place. The supervisor
65 or the clerk may take any reasonable action necessary to ensure
66 order at the polling places, including, but not limited to,
67 having disruptive and unruly persons removed by law enforcement
68 officers from the polling room or place or from the 150-foot
69 ~~100-foot~~ zone surrounding the polling place.



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70 (e) The owner, operator, or lessee of the property on which
71 a polling place or an early voting site is located, or an agent
72 or employee thereof, may not prohibit the solicitation of voters
73 outside of the no-solicitation zone during polling hours.

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75 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

76 And the title is amended as follows:

77 Between lines 32 and 33

78 insert:

79 101.657, F.S.; requiring sufficient nonpermitting
80 parking for voters at certain early voting locations;
81 amending s. 102.031, F.S.; conforming a provision to
82 changes made by the act; prohibiting the owners or
83 operators of a location on which a polling place or
84 early voting site is located from restricting
85 solicitation in certain areas; amending s.