

Amendment No. 14

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Public Integrity & Ethics  
 2 Committee

3 Representative Thompson offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 524-611 and insert:

7 Section 13. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 101.64,  
 8 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to  
 9 that section, to read:

10 101.64 Delivery of vote-by-mail ballots; envelopes; form.-

11 (1) The supervisor shall enclose with each vote-by-mail  
 12 ballot two envelopes: a secrecy envelope, into which the absent  
 13 elector shall enclose his or her marked ballot; and a mailing  
 14 envelope, into which the absent elector shall then place the  
 15 secrecy envelope, which shall be addressed to the supervisor and  
 16 also bear on the back side a certificate in substantially the

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17 following form:

18 Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before  
19 Marking Ballot and Completing Voter's Certificate.

20 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

21 I, ....., do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified  
22 and registered voter of .... County, Florida, and that I have  
23 not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I  
24 understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in  
25 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more  
26 than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the  
27 third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to  
28 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate  
29 will invalidate my ballot.

30 ... (Date) ...

31 ... (Voter's Signature or Last Four Digits of Social Security  
32 Number) ...

33 ... (E-Mail Address) ...

... (Home Telephone Number) ...

34 ... (Mobile Telephone Number) ...

35 (2) The certificate shall be arranged on the back of the  
36 mailing envelope so that the line for the signature or last four  
37 digits of the social security number of the absent elector is  
38 across the seal of the envelope; however, no statement shall  
39 appear on the envelope which indicates that a signature or last  
40 four digits of the social security number of the voter must  
41 cross the seal of the envelope. The absent elector shall execute

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42 the certificate on the envelope.

43 (5) The secrecy envelope must include, in capitalized text  
44 and in bold font, substantially the following message:

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46 IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT TO COUNT, YOUR SUPERVISOR  
47 OF ELECTIONS MUST RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT BY 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.  
48 IF YOU WAIT TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT YOUR VOTE MIGHT NOT COUNT. TO  
49 PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING, PLEASE MAIL OR TURN IN YOUR BALLOT  
50 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

51 Section 14. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended  
52 to read:

53 101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor  
54 shall enclose with each vote-by-mail ballot separate printed  
55 instructions in substantially the following form; however, where  
56 the instructions appear in capitalized text, the text of the  
57 printed instructions must be capitalized and in bold font:

58 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
59 BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

60 1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your vote-by-  
61 mail ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned  
62 as soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
63 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
64 later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. However, if you  
65 are an overseas voter casting a ballot in a presidential  
66 preference primary or general election, your vote-by-mail ballot

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67 must be postmarked or dated no later than the date of the  
68 election and received by the supervisor of elections of the  
69 county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days  
70 after the date of the election. Note that the later you return  
71 your ballot, the less time you will have to cure any signature  
72 deficiencies, which is authorized until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day  
73 after the election.

74 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
75 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
76 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

77 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
78 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
79 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one candidate,  
80 your vote in that race will not be counted.

81 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
82 envelope.

83 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing  
84 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

85 6. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the  
86 Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

87 7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your vote-by-mail ballot  
88 to be counted, you must sign your name or print the last four  
89 digits of your social security number on the line above (Voter's  
90 Signature or Last Four Digits of Social Security Number). A  
91 vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and not be

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92 counted if the signature on the voter's certificate or the last  
93 four digits of the social security number does not match the  
94 signature or social security number on record. The signature on  
95 file at the time the supervisor of elections in the county in  
96 which your precinct is located receives your vote-by-mail ballot  
97 ~~start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots~~ is the  
98 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
99 voter's certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
100 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
101 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
102 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received ~~no~~  
103 ~~later than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots,~~  
104 ~~which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before election day.~~

105 8. VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must  
106 include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate or printed  
107 the last four digits of your social security number on the line  
108 above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

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112 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

113 Between lines 41 and 42, insert:

114 providing that vote-by-mail ballot voter certificates  
115 may require a voter's signature or the last four  
116 digits of the voter's social security number;