Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee

Representative Ingoglia offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 97.029, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

97.029 Civil actions challenging the validity of election laws.—

(1) In a civil action challenging the validity of a provision of the Florida Election Code in which a state or county agency or officer is a party in state or federal court, the officer, agent, official, or attorney who represents or is acting on behalf of such agency or officer may not settle such action, consent to any condition, or agree to any order in connection therewith if the settlement, condition, or order
nullifies, suspends, or is in conflict with any provision of the Florida Election Code, unless:

(a) At the time settlement negotiations have begun in earnest, written notification is given to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Attorney General.

(b) Any proposed settlement, consent decree, or order that is proposed or received and would nullify, suspend, or conflict with any provision of the Florida Election Code is promptly reported in writing to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Attorney General.

(c) At least 10 days before the date a settlement or presettlement agreement or order is to be made final, written notification is given to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Attorney General.

(2) If any notification required by this section is precluded by federal law, federal regulation, court order, or court rule, the officer, agent, official, or attorney representing such agency or officer, or the Attorney General, shall challenge the constitutionality in the civil suit affected and give prompt notice thereof to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Attorney General.
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(3) If, after a court has entered an order or judgment that nullifies or suspends, or orders or justifies official action that is in conflict with, a provision of the Florida Election Code, the Legislature amends the general law to remove the invalidity or unenforceability, the officer, agent, official, or attorney who represents or is acting on behalf of the agency or officer bound by such order or judgment must promptly after such amendment of the general law move to dismiss or otherwise terminate any ongoing jurisdiction of such case.

Section 2. Paragraph (t) of subsection (2) of section 97.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

(2) The uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit the following information from the applicant:

(t) Whether the applicant has never been convicted of a felony and, if convicted, has had his or her voting rights restored by including the statement "I affirm that I am not a convicted felon or, if I am, my right to vote has been restored I have never been convicted of a felony." and providing a box for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

2. Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony, and if convicted, has had his or her civil rights restored through executive clemency, by including the statement "If I have been convicted of a felony, I affirm my voting rights have
been restored by the Board of Executive Clemency." and providing a box for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

3. Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted, has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution, by including the statement "If I have been convicted of a felony, I affirm my voting rights have been restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of my sentence, including parole or probation." and providing a box for the applicant to check to affirm the statement.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and subsection (6) of section 97.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

97.053  Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

(5)(a) A voter registration application is complete if it contains the following information necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:

1. The applicant's name.

2. The applicant's address of legal residence, including a distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room number or other identifier, if appropriate. Failure to include a distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room or other identifier on a voter registration application does not impact a voter's eligibility to register to vote or cast a ballot, and such an omission may not serve as the basis for a challenge to a voter's eligibility or reason to not count a
3. The applicant's date of birth.

4. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant is a citizen of the United States.

5. a. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver license number or the identification number from a Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051, or

b. If the applicant has not been issued a current and valid Florida driver license or a Florida identification card, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

In case an applicant has not been issued a current and valid Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social security number, the applicant shall affirm this fact in the manner prescribed in the uniform statewide voter registration application.

6. A mark in the applicable checkbox affirming that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, has had his or her civil rights restored through executive clemency, or has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.

7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to vote restored.
8. The original signature or a digital signature transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the information contained in the registration application is true and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the State Constitution and s. 97.051.

(6) A voter registration application, including an application with a change in name, address, or party affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the driver license number, the Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the social security number provided by the applicant. If a completed voter registration application has been received by the book-closing deadline but the driver license number, the Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the social security number provided by the applicant cannot be verified, the applicant shall be notified that the number cannot be verified and that the applicant must provide evidence to the supervisor sufficient to verify the authenticity of the applicant's driver license number, Florida identification card number, or last four digits of the social security number. If the applicant provides the necessary evidence, the supervisor shall place the applicant's name on the registration rolls as an active voter. If the applicant has not
provided the necessary evidence or the number has not otherwise
been verified prior to the applicant presenting himself or
herself to vote, the applicant shall be provided a provisional
ballot. The provisional ballot shall be counted only if the
number is verified by the end of the canvassing period or if the
applicant presents evidence to the supervisor of elections
sufficient to verify the authenticity of the applicant's driver
license number, Florida identification card number, or last four
digits of the social security number no later than 5 p.m. of the
second day following the election.

Section 4. Subsection (13) is added to section 97.057,
Florida Statutes, to read:

97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

(13) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
must assist the Department of State in regularly identifying
changes in residence address on the driver license or
identification card of a voter. The Department of State must
report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of
elections who must change the voter's registration records in
accordance with s. 98.065(4).

Section 5. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1),
paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsection (5) of section
97.0575, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

97.0575 Third-party voter registrations.—
(1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a third-party voter registration organization must register and provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following information:
   
   (c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization. This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit applications and do not collect or handle voter registration applications.
   
   (d) A sworn statement from each registration agent employed by or volunteering for the organization stating that the agent will obey all state laws and rules regarding the registration of voters. Such statement must be on a form containing notice of applicable penalties for false registration.
   
(3)(a) A third-party voter registration organization that collects voter registration applications serves as a fiduciary to the applicant, ensuring that any voter registration application entrusted to the organization, irrespective of party affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender, must be promptly delivered to the division or the supervisor of elections in the county which the elector resides within 14 days after completed by the applicant, but not after registration closes for the next ensuing election. A third-party voter registration organization...
must notify the applicant at the time the application is
collected that the organization might not deliver the
application to the division or the supervisor of elections in
the county which the elector resides in less than 14 days or
before registration closes for the next ensuing election and
must advise the applicant that he or she may deliver the
application in person or by mail. The third-party voter
registration organization must also inform the applicant how to
register online with the division and how to determine whether
the application has been delivered 48 hours after the applicant
completes it or the next business day if the appropriate office
is closed for that 48-hour period. If a voter registration
application collected by any third-party voter registration
organization is not promptly delivered to the division or
supervisor of elections in the county which the elector resides,
the third-party voter registration organization is liable for
the following fines:

1. A fine in the amount of $50 for each application
received by the division or the supervisor of elections in the
county which the elector resides more than 14 days 48 hours
after the applicant delivered the completed voter registration
application to the third-party voter registration organization
or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf or the next
business day, if the office is closed. A fine in the amount of
$250 for each application received if the third-party voter
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registration organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

2. A fine in the amount of $100 for each application collected by a third-party voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, before book closing for any given election for federal or state office and received by the division or the supervisor of elections in the county which the elector resides after the book-closing deadline for such election. A fine in the amount of $500 for each application received if the third-party registration organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

3. A fine in the amount of $500 for each application collected by a third-party voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not submitted to the division or supervisor of elections in the county which the elector resides. A fine in the amount of $1,000 for any application not submitted if the third-party voter registration organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

The aggregate fine pursuant to this paragraph which may be assessed against a third-party voter registration organization, including affiliate organizations, for violations committed in a calendar year is $1,000.
(5) The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third-party voter registration organization but who does not appear as an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the registration process, including controls to ensure that all completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or an supervisor in the county which the elector resides rules requiring third-party voter registration organizations to account for all state and federal registration forms used by their registration agents. Such rules may require an organization to provide organization and form specific identification information on each form as determined by the department as needed to assist in the accounting of state and federal registration forms.

Section 6. Section 97.1031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.1031 Notice of change of residence, change of name, or change of party affiliation.—

(1)(a) When an elector changes his or her residence address, the elector must notify the supervisor of elections. Except as provided in paragraph (b), an address change must be submitted using a voter registration application.

(b) If the address change is within the state and notice
is provided to the supervisor of elections of the county where
the elector has moved, the elector may do so by:

1. Contacting the supervisor of elections via telephone or
electronic means, in which case the elector must provide his or
her date of birth and the last four digits of his or her social
security number, his or her Florida driver license number, or
his or her Florida identification card number, whichever may be
verified in the supervisor's records; or

2. Submitting the change on a voter registration
application or other signed written notice.

(2) When an elector seeks to change party affiliation, the
elector shall notify his or her supervisor of elections or other
voter registration official by submitting a voter registration
application using a signed written notice that contains the
elector's date of birth or voter registration number. When an
elector changes his or her name by marriage or other legal
process, the elector shall notify his or her supervisor of
elections or other voter registration official by submitting a
voter registration application using a signed written notice
that contains the elector's date of birth or voter's
registration number.

(3) The voter registration official shall make the
necessary changes in the elector's records as soon as practical
upon receipt of such notice of a change of address of legal
residence, name, or party affiliation. The supervisor of
Section 7. Section 97.106, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

97.106 Prohibition on use of private funds for election related expenses.—No agency or state or local official responsible for conducting elections, including, but not limited to, a supervisor of elections, may solicit, accept, use, or dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property, or personal services from an individual or a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding election-related expenses or voter education or registration programs.

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter registration system information; precinct-level election results; book closing statistics.—

(2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.—

(a) Within 30 days after certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of a presidential preference primary election, special election, primary election, or general election, the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit to the department precinct-level election results for the election in a uniform electronic format specified by paragraph (c). The precinct-level election results shall be compiled separately for the primary or special primary election that
preceded the general or special general election, respectively. The results shall specifically include for each precinct the total of all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill a national, state, county, or district office or proposed constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and ballot type. However, ballot type or precinct subtotals in a race or question having fewer than 30 voters voting on the ballot type or in the precinct may not be reported in precinct results, unless fewer than 30 voters voted a ballot type. "All ballots cast" means ballots cast by voters who cast a ballot whether at a precinct location, by vote-by-mail ballot including overseas vote-by-mail ballots, during the early voting period, or by provisional ballot.

Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 100.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

100.041 Officers chosen at general election.—
(2)(a) Except as provided in s. 124.011 relating to single member districts after decennial redistricting, each county commissioner from an odd-numbered district shall be elected at the general election in each year the number of which is a multiple of 4, for a 4-year term commencing on the second Tuesday following such election, and each county commissioner from an even-numbered district shall be elected at the general election in each even-numbered year the number of which is not a multiple of 4, for a 4-year term commencing on the second
Tuesday following such election. A county commissioner is "elected" for purposes of this paragraph on the date that the county canvassing board certifies the results of the election pursuant to s. 102.151.

Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 100.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

100.111 Filling vacancy.—

(3)(a) In the event that death, resignation, withdrawal, or removal should cause a party to have a vacancy in nomination which leaves no candidate for an office from such party, the filing officer before whom the candidate qualified shall notify the chair of the state and county political party executive committee of such party and:

1. If the vacancy in nomination is for a statewide office, the state party chair shall, within 5 days, call a meeting of his or her executive board to consider designation of a nominee to fill the vacancy.

2. If the vacancy in nomination is for the office of United States Representative, state senator, state representative, state attorney, or public defender, the state party chair shall notify the appropriate county chair or chairs and, within 5 days, the appropriate county chair or chairs shall call a meeting of the state executive committee members residing in the affected county or counties to consider designation of a nominee to fill the
vacancy.

3. If the vacancy in nomination is for a county office, the state party chair shall notify the appropriate county chair and, within 5 days, the appropriate county chair shall call a meeting of his or her executive committee to consider designation of a nominee to fill the vacancy.

The name of any person so designated shall be submitted to the filing officer before whom the candidate qualified within 7 days after notice to the chair in order that the person designated may have his or her name on the ballot of the ensuing general election. If the name of the new nominee is submitted after the certification of results of the preceding primary election, however, the ballots shall not be changed and the former party nominee's name will appear on the ballot. Any ballots cast for the former party nominee will be counted for the person designated by the political party to replace the former party nominee. If there is no opposition to the party nominee, the person designated by the political party to replace the former party nominee will be elected to office at the general election.

Section 11. Section 101.046, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

101.046 Signature verification procedure.—When a signature is verified with the voter's signature in the registration records, the verifier shall only use a signature in the
registration books or the precinct register from the preceding 4 years. If a wet signature is not available from the preceding 4 years, the verifier may use the most recent wet signature on record. For purposes of this section, "wet signature" means a signature that a voter physically signed on paper with a pen or other writing utensil.

Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 101.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.048   Provisional ballots.—

(6)(a) As soon as practicable, the supervisor shall, on behalf of the county canvassing board, attempt to notify an elector who has submitted a provisional ballot that does not include the elector's signature or contains a signature that does not match the elector's signature in the registration books or precinct register by:

1. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by e-mail and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the supervisor's website;

2. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by text message and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the supervisor's website; or

3. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by telephone and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the supervisor's website.
In addition to the notification required under subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., the supervisor must notify
the elector of the signature deficiency by first-class mail and
direct the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the
supervisor's website. Beginning the day before the election, the
supervisor is not required to provide notice of the signature
deficiency by first-class mail, but shall continue to provide
notice as required in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or
subparagraph 3. In addition, a supervisor must notify the
registered political party, if any, of an elector who has a
signature deficiency. The political parties must provide the
supervisor of each county one e-mail address that the supervisor
may use to notify the political party of the signature
deficiency. The supervisor must promptly contact the political
doctor after contacting the elector.

Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 101.051, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

101.051 Electors seeking assistance in casting ballots;
  oath to be executed; forms to be furnished.—
  (2) It is unlawful for any person to be in the voting
  booth with any elector except as provided in subsection (1). A
  person at a polling place, drop box site, or early voting site,
  or within 150 feet of the entrance of a polling place, drop
  box site, or early voting site, may not solicit any elector in
  an effort to provide assistance to vote pursuant to subsection
(1). Any person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 14. Section 101.545, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.545 Retention and destruction of certain election materials.—All ballots, forms, and other election materials shall be retained in the custody of the supervisor of elections for a minimum of 22 months after an election and in accordance with the schedule approved by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State. All unused ballots, forms, and other election materials may, with the approval of the Department of State, be destroyed by the supervisor after the election for which such ballots, forms, or other election materials were to be used.

Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 101.5605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.5605 Examination and approval of equipment.—

(2) The Department of State shall approve or disapprove any voting system submitted to it within 120 days after the date of its initial submission.

Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 101.5614, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.5614 Canvass of returns.—
(4)(a) If any vote-by-mail ballot is physically damaged so that it cannot properly be counted by the voting system's automatic tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy shall be made of the damaged ballot in an open and accessible room in the presence of witnesses and substituted for the damaged ballot. Likewise, a duplicate ballot shall be made of a vote-by-mail ballot containing an overvoted race or a marked vote-by-mail ballot containing an undervoted race, if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice in the overvoted or undervoted race or ballot measure. A duplicate in which every race is undervoted which shall include all valid votes as determined by the canvassing board based on rules adopted by the division pursuant to s. 102.166(4). A duplicate may not include a vote if the voter's intent in such race or on such measure is not clear. Upon request, a physically present candidate, a political party official, a political committee official, or an authorized designee thereof, must be allowed to observe the duplication of ballots. The observer must be allowed to stand in close enough proximity to observe the duplication of ballots in such a way that the observer is able to see the markings on each ballot and the duplication taking place. All duplicate ballots must be clearly labeled "duplicate," bear a serial number which shall be recorded on the defective ballot, and be counted in lieu of the defective ballot. The duplication of ballots must happen in the presence
of at least one canvassing board member. After a ballot has been
duplicated, the defective ballot shall be placed in an envelope
provided for that purpose, and the duplicate ballot shall be
tallied with the other ballots for that precinct. Upon objection
by an observer to a duplicate of a ballot, the ballot must be
presented to the canvassing board for a determination of the
validity of the duplicate. The canvassing board must document
the serial number of the ballot in the canvassing board's
minutes. The canvassing board must decide whether the
duplication is valid. If the duplicate ballot is determined to
be valid, the duplicate ballot must be counted. If the duplicate
ballot is determined to be invalid, the duplicate ballot must be
rejected and a proper duplicate ballot must be made and counted
in lieu of the original.

Section 17. Subsection (5) of section 101.591, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

101.591 Voting system audit.—
(5) By December 15 of each general election year within 15
days after completion of the audit, the county canvassing board
or the board responsible for certifying the election shall
provide a report with the results of the audit to the Department
of State in a standard format as prescribed by the department.
The report must be consolidated into one report with the
overvote and undervote report required under s. 101.595(1). The
report shall contain, but is not limited to, the following
items:

(a) The overall accuracy of audit.
(b) A description of any problems or discrepancies encountered.
(c) The likely cause of such problems or discrepancies.
(d) Recommended corrective action with respect to avoiding or mitigating such circumstances in future elections.

Section 18. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.595, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

101.595  Analysis and reports of voting problems.—

(1) No later than December 15 of each general election year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to the Department of State the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which may have contributed to voter confusion. This report must be consolidated into one report with the audit report required under s. 101.591(5).

(3) The Department of State shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
House of Representatives by **February 15 January 31** of each year following a general election.

Section 19. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1), subsection (3), and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 101.62, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.—

(1)(a) The supervisor shall accept a request for a vote-by-mail ballot from an elector in person or in writing. One request is deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election provided that a request received after November 6, 2018, and before July 1, 2021, is deemed sufficient through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election, unless the elector or the elector’s designee indicates at the time the request is made the elections within such period for which the elector desires to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Such request may be considered canceled when any first-class mail sent by the supervisor to the elector is returned as undeliverable.

(b) The supervisor may accept a written or telephonic request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to an elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System from the elector, or, if directly instructed by the elector, a member
of the elector's immediate family, or the elector's legal guardian. If a telephone request is made the elector must provide the elector's Florida driver license number, the elector's Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the elector's social security number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records. If the ballot is requested to be mailed to an address other than the elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System, the request must be made in writing, and signed by the elector, and include the elector's Florida driver license number, the elector's Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the elector's social security number. However, an absent uniformed service voter or an overseas voter seeking a vote-by-mail ballot is not required to submit a signed, written request for a vote-by-mail ballot that is being mailed to an address other than the elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System. For purposes of this section, the term "immediate family" has the same meaning as specified in paragraph (4)(c). The person making the request must disclose:

1. The name of the elector for whom the ballot is requested.
2. The elector's address.
3. The elector's date of birth.
4. The elector's Florida driver license number, the elector's Florida identification card number, or the last four
digits of the elector's social security number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records.

5. The requester's name.

6. The requester's address.

7. The requester's driver license number, if available.

8. The requester's relationship to the elector.

9. The requester's signature (written requests only).

(3) For each request for a vote-by-mail ballot received, the supervisor shall record the date the request was made, the identity of the voter's designee making the request, if any, the last four digits of the social security number, Florida driver license number, or Florida identification card number provided with a written request if not verified by the supervisor, the date the vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to the voter or the voter's designee or the date the vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to the post office or other carrier, the address to which the ballot was mailed, the date the ballot was received by the supervisor, the absence of the voter's signature on the voter's certificate, if applicable, whether there is a mismatching voter signature on the voter's certificate, and such other information he or she may deem necessary. This information shall be provided in electronic format as provided by rule adopted by the division. The information shall be updated and made available no later than 8 a.m. of each day, including weekends, beginning 60 days before the primary until 15 days before the election.
after the general election and shall be contemporaneously provided to the division. This information shall be confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall be made available to or reproduced only for the voter requesting the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official, a political party or official thereof, a candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and registered political committees for political purposes only.

(4)

(c) The supervisor shall provide a vote-by-mail ballot to each elector by whom a request for that ballot has been made by one of the following means:

1. By nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable mail to the elector's current mailing address on file with the supervisor or any other address the elector specifies in the request.

2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter may designate in the vote-by-mail ballot request the preferred method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the method of transmission, the vote-by-mail ballot shall be mailed.

3. By personal delivery before 7 p.m. on election day to the elector, upon presentation of the identification required in s. 101.043.

4. By delivery to a designee on election day or up to 9
days before the day of an election. Any elector may designate in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the elector; however, the person designated may not pick up more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than the designee's own ballot, except that additional ballots may be picked up for members of the designee's immediate family. For purposes of this section, "immediate family" means the designee's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the designee or of the designee's spouse. The designee shall provide to the supervisor the written authorization by the elector and a picture identification of the designee and must complete an affidavit. The designee shall state in the affidavit that the designee is authorized by the elector to pick up that ballot and shall indicate if the elector is a member of the designee's immediate family and, if so, the relationship. The department shall prescribe the form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is satisfied that the designee is authorized to pick up the ballot and that the signature of the elector on the written authorization matches the signature of the elector on file, the supervisor shall give the ballot to that designee for delivery to the elector.

5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless there is an emergency, to the extent that the elector will be unable
to go to his or her assigned polling place. If a vote-by-mail ballot is delivered, the elector or his or her designee shall execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which allow for delivery of the vote-by-mail ballot. The department shall adopt a rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

(7) Except as expressly authorized for voters having a disability under s. 101.662, for overseas voters under s. 101.697, or for local referenda under ss. 101.6102 and 101.6103, a county, municipality, or state agency may not send a vote-by-mail ballot to a voter unless the voter has requested a vote-by-mail ballot in the manner authorized under this section.

Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 101.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

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

...(Date)...
...(Voter's Signature)...
...(E-Mail Address)...
...(Home Telephone Number)...
...(Mobile Telephone Number)...

(b) Each return mailing envelope must bear the absent
elector's name, and any encoded mark used by the supervisor's
office.

(c) A mailing envelope or secrecy envelope may not bear
any indication of the political affiliation of an absent
elector.

Section 21. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraph (a) of
subsection (4) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, are amended
to read:

101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

(1) The supervisor of the county in which the absent
elector resides shall receive the voted ballot, at which time
the supervisor shall compare the signature of the elector on the
voter's certificate with the signature of the elector in the
registration books or the precinct register to determine whether the elector is duly registered in the county and must may record on the elector's registration record certificate that the elector has voted. During the signature comparison process, the supervisor may not have any knowledge of the political affiliation of the voter whose signature is subject to verification. An elector who dies after casting a vote-by-mail ballot but on or before election day shall remain listed in the registration books until the results have been certified for the election in which the ballot was cast. The supervisor shall safely keep the ballot unopened in his or her office until the county canvassing board canvasses the vote. Except as provided in subsection (4), after a vote-by-mail ballot is received by the supervisor, the ballot is deemed to have been cast, and changes or additions may not be made to the voter's certificate.

(2)(a) The county canvassing board may begin the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots upon the completion of the public testing of automatic tabulating equipment pursuant to s. 101.5612(2) at 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election, but must begin such canvassing by not later than noon on the day following the election. In addition, for any county using electronic tabulating equipment, the processing of vote-by-mail ballots through such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election. However, notwithstanding any such authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise processing

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vote-by-mail ballots early, no result shall be released until
after the closing of the polls in that county on election day.

Any supervisor, deputy supervisor, canvassing board member,
election board member, or election employee who releases the
results of a canvassing or processing of vote-by-mail ballots
prior to the closing of the polls in that county on election day
commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(b) To ensure that all vote-by-mail ballots to be counted
by the canvassing board are accounted for, the canvassing board
shall compare the number of ballots in its possession with the
number of requests for ballots received to be counted according
to the supervisor's file or list.

(c) 1. The canvassing board must, if the supervisor has not
already done so, compare the signature of the elector on the
voter's certificate or on the vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit
as provided in subsection (4) with the signature of the elector
in the registration books or the precinct register to see that
the elector is duly registered in the county and to determine
the legality of that vote-by-mail ballot. A vote-by-mail ballot
may only be counted if:

a. The signature on the voter's certificate or the cure
affidavit matches the elector's signature in the registration
books or precinct register; however, in the case of a cure
affidavit, the supporting identification listed in subsection
(4) must also confirm the identity of the elector; or

b. The cure affidavit contains a signature that does not match the elector's signature in the registration books or precinct register, but the elector has submitted a current and valid Tier 1 identification pursuant to subsection (4) which confirms the identity of the elector.

For purposes of this subparagraph, any canvassing board finding that an elector's signatures do not match must be by majority vote and beyond a reasonable doubt.

2. The ballot of an elector who casts a vote-by-mail ballot shall be counted even if the elector dies on or before election day, as long as, before the death of the voter, the ballot was postmarked by the United States Postal Service, date-stamped with a verifiable tracking number by a common carrier, or already in the possession of the supervisor.

3. A vote-by-mail ballot is not considered illegal if the signature of the elector does not cross the seal of the mailing envelope.

4. If any elector or candidate present believes that a vote-by-mail ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate or the cure affidavit, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the voter's certificate or the
cure affidavit the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate or cure affidavit may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

5. If the canvassing board determines that a ballot is illegal, a member of the board must, without opening the envelope, mark across the face of the envelope: "rejected as illegal." The cure affidavit, if applicable, the envelope, and the ballot therein shall be preserved in the manner that official ballots are preserved.

(d) The canvassing board shall record the ballot upon the proper record, unless the ballot has been previously recorded by the supervisor. The mailing envelopes shall be opened and the secrecy envelopes shall be mixed so as to make it impossible to determine which secrecy envelope came out of which signed mailing envelope; however, in any county in which an electronic or electromechanical voting system is used, the ballots may be sorted by ballot styles and the mailing envelopes may be opened and the secrecy envelopes mixed separately for each ballot style. The votes on vote-by-mail ballots shall be included in the total vote of the county.

(4)(a) As soon as practicable, the supervisor shall, on behalf of the county canvassing board, attempt to notify an elector who has returned a vote-by-mail ballot that does not include the elector's signature or contains a signature that
does not match the elector's signature in the registration books
or precinct register by:

1. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by e-

   mail and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and

   instructions on the supervisor's website;

2. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by
text message and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and
instructions on the supervisor's website; or

3. Notifying the elector of the signature deficiency by
telephone and directing the elector to the cure affidavit and
instructions on the supervisor's website.

In addition to the notification required under subparagraph 1.,
subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., the supervisor must notify
the elector of the signature deficiency by first-class mail and
direct the elector to the cure affidavit and instructions on the
supervisor's website. Beginning the day before the election, the
supervisor is not required to provide notice of the signature
deficiency by first-class mail, but shall continue to provide
notice as required under subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or
subparagraph 3. In addition, a supervisor must notify the
registered political party, if any, of any elector who has a
signature deficiency. The political parties must provide the
supervisor of each county one e-mail address that the supervisor
may use to notify the political party of the signature
deficiency. The supervisor must contact the political party promptly after contacting the elector.

Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 101.69, Florida Statutes, is amended and subsection (3) is added to that section to read:

101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—

(2)(a) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has received a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor by placing the return mail envelope containing his or her marked ballot in a secure drop box. Secure drop boxes shall be placed at the main office of the supervisor, at each branch office of the supervisor, and at each early voting site. Secure drop boxes may also be placed at any other site that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site under s. 101.657(1). Except for secure drop boxes at an office of the supervisor, a secure drop box may only be used; provided, however, that any such site must be staffed during the county's early voting hours of operation and must be monitored in person by an employee of the supervisor's office or a sworn law enforcement officer. A secure drop box at an office of the supervisor must be continuously monitored in person by an employee of the supervisor's office during regular office hours. During other hours, a secure drop box at an office of the supervisor may only be accessible if it is secured from tampering and monitored by video surveillance. The supervisor
must keep recordings of video surveillance of such secure drop boxes and provide a copy to any candidate or political party submitting a written request for the recordings within 24 hours after receipt of such request.

(b) A supervisor shall designate each drop box site at least 30 days before an election. The supervisor shall provide the address of each drop box location to the division at least 30 days before an election. On each day of early voting, all drop boxes must be emptied at the end of early voting hours and all the ballots retrieved from the drop boxes must be returned to the supervisor's office. After a drop box location has been designated, it may not be moved or changed. A drop box may not be placed in a location so as to favor or disfavor any one political party or candidate.

(c) An elector's designee designated under s. 104.0616 may also return the elector's ballot to a drop box if they have with them the declaration described in s. 104.0616(4).

(d) A person returning a ballot by use of a drop box monitored by an elections employee must present his or her Florida driver license or Florida identification card to the employee monitoring the drop box. The employee must ensure that the name on the identification provided matches the printed name on the mailing envelope or the name of the designee on the declaration described in s. 104.0616(4). If an elector returning the elector's own ballot is not in possession of his or her

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Florida driver license or Florida identification card, the
elector must complete a signed attestation stating that the
elector did not have a Florida driver license or Florida
identification card on their person when returning their own
ballot. If the name on the license or identification card does
not match the name printed on the mailing envelope, the ballot
can only be deposited if the person provides a declaration
described under s. 104.0616(4) which names the person as
designee. The declaration or attestation must be affixed to the
return mailing envelope and the ballot shall be deposited into
the drop box. A copy of the declaration or attestation must be
maintained with other election records.

(e) The Division may prescribe by rule a form of the
attestation described in paragraph (d) which shall include
notice that making false attestation is a felony of the third
degree under s. 104.032. The Division and the supervisors shall
ensure that copies of the attestation described in paragraph (c)
and the declaration described in s. 104.0616(4) are available
online and at all supervisor's offices for the convenience of
voters. The supervisors shall ensure that copies of the
attestation described in paragraph (d) are available at each
drop box location.

(3) If any drop box at an early voting site is left
accessible for ballot receipt when early voting is not underway,
the supervisor is subject to a civil penalty of $25,000. The
Section 23. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) of subsection (4) of section 102.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(a) No person, political committee, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 150 feet of a drop box or the entrance to any polling place, a polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the supervisor where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request them. Before the opening of the polling place or early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, the terms "solicit" or "solicitation" shall include, but not be limited to, seeking or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution; distributing or attempting to distribute any political or campaign material, leaflet, or handout; conducting a poll except as specified in this paragraph; seeking or attempting to seek a signature on any petition; and selling or attempting to sell any item; and engaging in any activity with the intent to influence or effect of influencing a voter.
terms "solicit" or "solicitation" may not be construed to prohibit exit polling.

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

Section 24. Section 102.07, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

102.07 Vote-by-mail count reporting.—Beginning at 7:00 p.m. the day before election day, the supervisor must, at least once every hour while actively counting, post on his or her website the number of vote-by-mail ballots have been received and the number of vote-by-mail ballots that remain uncounted.

Section 25. Subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

(1) The county canvassing board shall be composed of the supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners. The names of the canvassing board members must be published on the supervisor's website before any vote-by-mail ballot is distributed. Alternate canvassing board members must be appointed pursuant to paragraph (e). In the event any member of the county canvassing board is unable to serve, is a candidate
who has opposition in the election being canvassed, or is an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate who has opposition in the election being canvassed, such member shall be replaced as follows:

(a) If no county court judge is able to serve or if all are disqualified, the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located shall appoint as a substitute member a qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed. In such event, the members of the county canvassing board shall meet and elect a chair.

(b) If the supervisor of elections is unable to serve or is disqualified, the chair of the board of county commissioners shall appoint as a substitute member a member of the board of county commissioners who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed. The supervisor, however, shall act in an advisory capacity to the canvassing board.

(c) If the chair of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve or is disqualified, the board of county commissioners shall appoint as a substitute member one of its
members who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.

(d) If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the event of a vacancy in such office, the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located shall appoint as a substitute member or alternate member a qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.

(e) 1. The chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located shall appoint a county court judge as an alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each county court judge is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (a).

2. The chair of the board of county commissioners shall appoint a member of the board of county commissioners as an alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each member of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (d).
3. If a member of the county canvassing board is unable to participate in a meeting of the board, the chair of the county canvassing board or his or her designee shall designate which alternate member will serve as a member of the board in the place of the member who is unable to participate at that meeting.

4. If not serving as one of the three members of the county canvassing board, an alternate member may be present, observe, and communicate with the three members constituting the county canvassing board, but may not vote in the board's decisions or determinations.

(2)

(b) Public notice of the canvassing board members, alternates, time, and place at which the county canvassing board shall meet to canvass the absent electors' ballots and provisional ballots must be given at least 48 hours prior thereto by publication on the supervisor's website and published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, by posting such notice in at least four conspicuous places in the county. The time given in the notice as to the convening of the meeting of the county canvassing board must be specific and may not be a time period during which the board may meet.

Section 26. Section 104.032, Florida Statutes, is created...
to read:

104.032 False declaration or attestation regarding vote-by-mail ballots.—Any person who makes a false declaration under s. 104.0616(4) to distribute, order, request, collect, deliver, or possess the vote-by-mail ballot of another person or makes a false attestation under s. 101.69(2)(d) is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 27. Section 104.0616, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

104.0616 Vote-by-mail ballots and voting; violations.—
(1) For purposes of this section, the term "immediate family" means a person's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the person or the person's spouse.
(2) Any person who distributes, orders, requests, collects, delivers, provides or offers to provide, and any person who accepts, a pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possesses a vote-by-mail ballot of another person, except for a designee as provided in subsection (3) or possessing more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election in addition to his or her own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member, except as authorized provided in s.
101.62 or s. 101.655 ss. 101.6105–101.694, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(3) A person may distribute, order, request, collect, deliver, or possess the vote-by-mail ballot of another person if designated to do so through a declaration as provided in subsection (4), for:

(a) An immediate family member.

(b) Two other voters in an election.

(4) A person designated to distribute, order, request, collect, deliver, or possess the vote-by-mail ballot of another person must carry with them a declaration for each ballot possessed, signed by the voter and the designee in substantially the following form:

DECLARATION TO POSSESS BALLOT BELONGING TO PERSON INCLUDING AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER

I, (print name of designee), have been designated by (print name of voter whose ballot you are handling) to possess such individual's vote-by-mail ballot. I acknowledge that making a false declaration to distribute, order, request, collect, deliver, or possess the vote-by-mail ballot of another person is a felony of the third degree, under s. 104.032, F.S.

...(signature of voter whose ballot is being carried)...
Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 124.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

124.011 Alternate procedure for the election of county commissioners to provide for single-member representation; applicability.—

(2)(a) All commissioners shall be elected for 4-year terms which shall be staggered so that, alternately, one more or one less than half of the commissioners elected from residence areas and, if applicable, one of the commissioners elected at large from the entire county are elected every 2 years, except that any commissioner may be elected to an initial term of less than 4 years if necessary to achieve or maintain such system of staggered terms. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, at the general election immediately following redistricting directed by s. 1(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, each commissioner elected only by electors who reside in the district must be
elected and terms thereafter shall be staggered as provided in s. 100.041.

(b) The term of a commissioner elected under paragraph (a) commences on the second Tuesday after such election.

(c) This subsection does not apply to:

1. Miami-Dade County.
2. Any county the charter of which limits the number of terms a commissioner may serve.

Section 29. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; creating s. 97.029, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from settling certain actions, consenting to conditions, or agreeing to certain orders in certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to make certain legal challenges and move to dismiss or otherwise terminate a court's jurisdiction in certain circumstances; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; revising the information that the uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit from applicants; amending s.
97.053, F.S.; revising the criteria for determining if a voter registration application is complete; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle to assist the Department of State in identifying certain residence address changes; requiring the Department of State to report such changes to supervisors of elections; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; revising the requirements for third-party voter registration organizations; providing applicability; revising the circumstances under which fines may be imposed for voter registration applications; revising the requirements for rules that the Division of Elections must adopt; amending s. 97.1031, F.S.; revising information that an elector must provide to a supervisor of elections when the elector changes his or her residence address, party affiliation, or name; creating s. 97.106, F.S.; prohibiting certain agencies and state and local officials from engaging in certain acts relating to elections; amending s. 98.0981, F.S.; providing that certain ballot types or precinct subtotals may not be reported in precinct-level election results; amending s. 100.041, F.S.; providing exceptions to elections and terms of county commissioners; amending s. 100.111, F.S.; revising the method of filling a
vacancy in nomination for a political party; creating s. 101.046, F.S.; providing a signature verification procedure; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections to notify the registered political party of specified electors under certain circumstances; amending s. 101.051, F.S.; revising the distance certain persons must maintain at a polling place, drop box site, or early voting site; amending s. 101.545, F.S.; requiring ballots, forms, and election materials to be retained for a specified minimum time; amending s. 101.5605, F.S.; revising the timeframe within which the department shall approve or disapprove a voting system that is submitted for approval; amending s. 101.5614, F.S.; revising requirements for making true duplicate copies of vote-by-mail ballots under certain circumstances; requiring that an observer of the duplication of ballots be provided certain allowances; requiring that the duplication process must take place in the presence of a canvassing board member; requiring a canvassing board to make certain determinations; amending s. 101.591, F.S.; revising the timeframe and requirements for the report of the results of the audit submitted to the department; amending s. 101.595, F.S.; providing additional requirements for a specified
report; revising the date by which the report must be submitted; amending s. 101.62, F.S.; revising the effective length of time for requests for vote-by-mail ballots from electors; providing requirements for specified requests for vote-by-mail ballots; revising information that electors requesting such ballots must disclose; providing information that the supervisor of elections must record for each request for a vote-by-mail ballot; revising the list of people to whom the supervisor of elections may deliver vote-by-mail ballots; prohibiting counties, municipalities, and state agencies from sending vote-by-mail ballots unless specified requirements are met; providing an exception; amending s. 101.64, F.S.; revising the requirements for delivery of vote-by-mail ballots; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; providing requirements for a supervisor; revising the timeframe for the beginning of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots by the county canvassing board; revising the duties of the canvassing board under specified circumstances; requiring the supervisor of elections to notify the registered political party of specified electors under certain circumstances; amending s. 101.69, F.S.; revising the requirements for the return of vote-by-mail ballots; providing requirements for secure drop...
boxes; requiring that certain persons provide a
certain declaration with certain vote-by-mail ballots
that are returned to a drop box; requiring that copies
of such declarations be made available in a certain
manner; providing that a supervisor of elections is
subject to a civil penalty in certain circumstances;
amending s. 102.031, F.S.; prohibiting the
solicitation of voters within a certain distance of a
drop box; revising the definition of the terms
"solicit" and "solicitation"; prohibiting certain
persons from prohibiting the solicitation of voters by
a candidate or a candidate's designee outside of a no-
solicitation zone; creating s. 102.07, F.S.; requiring
the supervisor of elections to post and update on his
or her website certain information at specified
intervals; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; requiring that
certain information be published on the supervisor of
election's website; requiring additional information
to be made available for public notices of county
canvassing board meetings; creating s. 104.032, F.S.;
prohibiting the making of a false declaration to
distribute, order, request, collect, deliver, or
possess certain ballots; providing criminal penalties;
amending s. 104.0616, F.S.; revising the definition of
the term "immediate family"; revising the acts that
result in a misdemeanor relating to vote-by-mail ballots; authorizing a person to distribute, order, request, collect, deliver, or possess the vote-by-mail ballot of another person in certain circumstances; requiring such person to carry a certain declaration; amending s. 124.011, F.S.; providing an effective date.