The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Stewart) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 15 - 56

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

(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 no 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
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.

=============== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ================
And the title is amended as follows:
Delete lines 3 - 10
and insert:
101.68, F.S.; authorizing the canvassing of vote-by-mail
ballots upon the completion of the public
preelection testing of automatic tabulating equipment;
providing an effective