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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Brandes) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (262784) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 463 - 497

5 and insert:

6           (4) (a) If any vote-by-mail ballot is physically damaged so  
7 that it cannot properly be counted by the voting system's  
8 automatic tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy shall be  
9 made of the damaged ballot in the presence of witnesses and  
10 substituted for the damaged ballot. ~~Likewise,~~ A duplicate ballot  
11 must also ~~shall be made of a vote-by-mail ballot containing an~~



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12 ~~overvoted race or~~ a marked vote-by-mail ballot in which every  
13 race is undervoted, including ~~which shall include~~ all valid  
14 votes as determined by the canvassing board based on rules  
15 adopted by the division pursuant to s. 102.166(4). Upon request,  
16 a physically present candidate, a political party official, a  
17 political committee official, or an authorized designee thereof,  
18 must be allowed to observe the duplication of ballots. All  
19 duplicate ballots shall be clearly labeled "duplicate," bear a  
20 serial number that ~~which~~ shall be recorded on the defective  
21 ballot, and be counted in lieu of the defective ballot. After a  
22 ballot has been duplicated, the defective ballot shall be placed  
23 in an envelope provided for that purpose, and the duplicate  
24 ballot shall be tallied with the other ballots for that  
25 precinct.

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

28 And the title is amended as follows:  
29       Delete lines 962 - 966  
30 and insert:  
31       by-mail ballots under certain circumstances; amending  
32       s. 101.591,