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<u>Senate</u>   <u>House</u>

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1 Representative Rayner offered the following:

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3   **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4   Remove lines 347-357 and insert:

5   Section 4. Subsections (6) through (12) of section 97.057,

6 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) through

7 (14), respectively, subsections (1) through (5) of that section

8 are amended, and new subsections (6), (7), and (15) are added to

9 that section, to read:

10   97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway

11 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

12   <u>(Substantial rewording of subsections. See</u>

13   <u>s. 97.057(1)-(5), F.S., for present text.)</u>

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14   (1) Each of the following serves as an application to
15 register to vote or to update a voter registration record when
16 submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
17 Vehicles:
18   (a) An application for a driver license, including a
19 renewal application or a change of address for an existing
20 driver license.
21   (b) An application for an identification card issued
22 pursuant to chapter 322, including a renewal application or a
23 change of address for an existing identification card.
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25 For voter registration purposes, an applicant must consent to
26 the use of the signature from his or her driver license or
27 identification card application unless the applicant declines to
28 register to vote or declines to update his or her voter
29 registration record.
30   (2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
31 shall include a voter registration component on the application
32 for a driver license or an identification card. The voter
33 registration component of a driver license or an identification
34 card application shall be approved by the Department of State
35 and must contain:
36   (a) The minimum amount of information necessary to prevent
37 duplicate voter registrations and preserve the ability of the
38 department and supervisors of elections to assess the

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39 eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter

40 registration and other provisions of the Florida Election Code.

41   (b) A statement setting forth voting eligibility

42 requirements.

43   (c) A statement explaining that the applicant consents,

44 for voter registration purposes, to the use of his or her

45 signature from the applicant's driver license or identification

46 card application. By consenting to the use of his or her

47 signature, the applicant is deemed to have subscribed to the

48 oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the State Constitution and s.

49 97.051 and to have sworn and affirmed that the voter

50 registration information contained in the application is true

51 under penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011.

52   (d) An option that allows the applicant to decline to

53 register to vote or to decline to update his or her voter

54 registration record. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor

55 Vehicles shall note any such declination in its records and

56 forward the declination to the statewide voter registration

57 system.

58   (3) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

59 shall develop a voter registration component for paper-based

60 renewal applications which meets the requirements in subsection

61 (2) and is approved by the Department of State.

62   (4) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

63 shall electronically transmit the voter registration component

64 of an applicant's driver license or identification card
65 application to the statewide voter registration system within 24
66 hours after receipt. Upon receipt of the voter registration
67 component, the Department of State shall provide the information
68 to the supervisor of the county in which the applicant has been
69 registered as an elector. For completed paper-based
70 applications, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
71 Vehicles shall forward the voter registration component to the
72 supervisor of the county where the office that processes or
73 receives that application is located within 5 days after
74 receipt.
75   (5) Following receipt of the voter registration component,
76 the supervisor shall notify each applicant of the process to:
77   (a) Decline being registered as an elector or decline to
78 update his or her voter registration record.
79   (b) Designate a party affiliation if the applicant is not
80 currently registered to vote in this state.
81   (6) If an applicant who is notified under subsection (5)
82 does not decline to be registered as an elector or does not
83 decline to update his or her voter registration record within 21
84 calendar days after the supervisor issues the notification, the
85 applicant's voter registration component of his or her
86 application constitutes a completed voter registration
87 application for purposes of this chapter. The applicant shall be
88 registered to vote if the supervisor determines that the

89 applicant is eligible to vote under s. 97.041 and the applicant

90 is not already registered to vote. An applicant who does not

91 respond to the notification to designate a party affiliation

92 shall be registered without party affiliation as provided under

93 s. 97.053(5)(b).

94   (7) If an applicant declines to register to vote or

95 declines to update his or her voter registration record after

96 receiving a notification issued pursuant to subsection (5), the

97 supervisor shall note such declination in his or her records and

98 forward the declination to the statewide voter registration

99 system. However, an applicant's declination may not be used for

100 any purpose other than voter registration.

101   (15) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

102 must assist the Department of State in regularly identifying

103 changes in residence address on the driver license or

104 identification card of a voter. The Department of State must

105 report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of

106 elections, who must change the voter's registration records in

107 accordance with s. 98.065(4).

108   Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section

109 98.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110   98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

111   (4) STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC DATABASE OF VALID RESIDENTIAL

112 STREET ADDRESSES.—

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113   (b)   The department shall make the statewide database of
114 valid street addresses available to the Department of Highway
115 Safety and Motor Vehicles as provided in s. 97.057(12) ~~s.~~
116 ~~97.057(10)~~. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
117 shall use the database for purposes of validating the legal
118 residential addresses provided in voter registration
119 applications received by the Department of Highway Safety and
120 Motor Vehicles.

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123   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**
124   Remove lines 14-19 and insert:
125   voter registration applications; amending s. 97.057,
126   F.S.; revising procedures governing voter registration
127   administered by the Department of Highway Safety and
128   Motor Vehicles; providing that driver license or
129   identification card applications, driver license or
130   identification card renewal applications, and changes
131   of address for existing driver licenses or
132   identification cards submitted to the department serve
133   as voter registration applications; specifying that an
134   applicant must consent to the use of his or her
135   signature for voter registration purposes; requiring
136   the department to include a voter registration
137   component on specified applications; providing that

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138 | the Department of State shall approve the voter
139 | registration component; specifying required content
140 | for the voter registration component; providing for
141 | paper-based applications; requiring the supervisor of
142 | elections to provide certain notification to each
143 | applicant; providing that an applicant is registered,
144 | or has his or her voter registration record updated,
145 | if he or she fails to respond to the notification
146 | within a specified timeframe; requiring the supervisor
147 | to forward declinations to the statewide voter
148 | registration system; requiring the Department of
149 | Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to assist the
150 | Department of State in identifying certain residence
151 | address changes; requiring the Department of State to
152 | report such changes to supervisors of elections;
153 | amending s. 98.045, F.S.; conforming a cross-
154 | reference; amending s.