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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Williams offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (107453) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 1174 and 1175, insert:

5 Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of section  
6 100.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

8 (11) (a) An initiative petition form circulated for  
9 signature may not be bundled with or attached to any other  
10 petition. Each signature shall be dated when made and shall be  
11 valid until the next February 1 occurring in an even-numbered  
12 year for the purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot  
13 for the general election occurring in that same year, provided

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14 all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall submit  
15 signed and dated forms to the supervisor of elections for the  
16 county of residence listed by the person signing the form for  
17 verification of the number of valid signatures obtained. If a  
18 signature on a petition is from a registered voter in another  
19 county, the supervisor shall notify the petition sponsor of the  
20 misfiled petition. The supervisor shall promptly verify the  
21 signatures within 60 days after receipt of the petition forms  
22 and payment of a fee for the actual cost of signature  
23 verification incurred by the supervisor. However, for petition  
24 forms submitted less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-  
25 numbered year, the supervisor shall promptly verify the  
26 signatures within 30 days after receipt of the form and payment  
27 of the fee for signature verification. The supervisor shall  
28 promptly record, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of  
29 State, the date each form is received by the supervisor, and the  
30 date the signature on the form is verified as valid. The  
31 supervisor may verify that the signature on a form is valid only  
32 if:

33 1. The form contains the original signature of the  
34 purported elector. A digital signature of the purported elector  
35 which complies with the requirements of part I of chapter 668 is  
36 considered an original signature for purposes of this  
37 requirement.

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38           2. The purported elector has accurately recorded on the  
39 form the date on which he or she signed the form.

40           3. The form sets forth the purported elector's name,  
41 address, city, county, and voter registration number or date of  
42 birth.

43           4. The purported elector is, at the time he or she signs  
44 the form and at the time the form is verified, a duly qualified  
45 and registered elector in the state.

46           5. The signature was obtained legally, including that if a  
47 paid petition circulator was used, the circulator was validly  
48 registered under subsection (3) when the signature was obtained.

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50 The supervisor shall retain the signature forms for at least 1  
51 year following the election in which the issue appeared on the  
52 ballot or until the division notifies the supervisors of  
53 elections that the committee that circulated the petition is no  
54 longer seeking to obtain ballot position.

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Between lines 1312 and 1313, insert:

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amending s. 100.371, F.S.; specifying that a digital signature

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that complies with the Electronic Signature Act of 1996

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62 | satisfies the requirement that a petition form must contain an  
63 | original signature;

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