Representative Williams offered the following:

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

Between lines 1174 and 1175, insert:

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

100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

(11)(a) An initiative petition form circulated for signature may not be bundled with or attached to any other petition. Each signature shall be dated when made and shall be valid until the next February 1 occurring in an even-numbered year for the purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot for the general election occurring in that same year, provided
all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall submit
signed and dated forms to the supervisor of elections for the
county of residence listed by the person signing the form for
verification of the number of valid signatures obtained. If a
signature on a petition is from a registered voter in another
county, the supervisor shall notify the petition sponsor of the
misfiled petition. The supervisor shall promptly verify the
signatures within 60 days after receipt of the petition forms
and payment of a fee for the actual cost of signature
verification incurred by the supervisor. However, for petition
forms submitted less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-
numbered year, the supervisor shall promptly verify the
signatures within 30 days after receipt of the form and payment
of the fee for signature verification. The supervisor shall
promptly record, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of
State, the date each form is received by the supervisor, and the
date the signature on the form is verified as valid. The
supervisor may verify that the signature on a form is valid only
if:

1. The form contains the original signature of the
purported elector. A digital signature of the purported elector
which complies with the requirements of part I of chapter 668 is
considered an original signature for purposes of this
requirement.
2. The purported elector has accurately recorded on the form the date on which he or she signed the form.

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

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

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

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

Title Amendment

Between lines 1312 and 1313, insert:

amending s. 100.371, F.S.; specifying that a digital signature that complies with the Electronic Signature Act of 1996
satisfies the requirement that a petition form must contain an
original signature;