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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Farmer) recommended the following:

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

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4           Delete lines 58 - 344  
5 and insert:  
6 digits of his or her social security number.

7           (4) (a) In order to submit a voter registration application  
8 through the online voter registration system, an applicant must  
9 provide his or her Florida driver license number or the  
10 identification number from a Florida identification card issued  
11 under s. 322.051; or the last four digits of the applicant's



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12 social security number.

13 (b)1. If the applicant has submitted his or her Florida  
14 driver license number or the identification number from a  
15 Florida identification card with a voter registration  
16 application, the online voter registration system shall compare  
17 the Florida driver license number or Florida identification  
18 number ~~submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n)~~ with information  
19 maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
20 Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the  
21 application are consistent with the records of the Department of  
22 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

23 2. ~~(b)~~ If the applicant's name and date of birth are  
24 consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety  
25 and Motor Vehicles, the online voter registration system shall  
26 transmit, using the statewide voter registration system  
27 maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's registration  
28 application, along with the digital signature of the applicant  
29 on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
30 Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's  
31 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.  
32 97.052(2)(q).

33 (c)1. If the applicant has submitted the last four digits  
34 of his or her social security number, the online voter  
35 registration system must verify the last four digits of the  
36 social security number in accordance with s. 97.053(6).

37 2. If the last four digits of the applicant's social  
38 security number are verified pursuant to s. 97.053(6), the  
39 online voter registration system shall transmit, using the  
40 statewide voter registration system maintained pursuant to s.



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41 98.035, the applicant's registration application to the  
42 supervisor of elections.

43 (d) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be  
44 verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and  
45 Motor Vehicles, or if the last four digits of the applicant's  
46 social security number cannot be verified applicant indicated  
47 that he or she has not been issued a Florida driver license or  
48 Florida identification card, the online voter registration  
49 system shall populate the applicant's information into a  
50 printable voter registration application pursuant to s.  
51 97.052(2) and direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the  
52 application and deliver the application to the supervisor of  
53 elections for disposition pursuant to s. 97.073.

54 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and subsection  
55 (6) of section 97.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

56 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

57 (5) (a) A voter registration application is complete if it  
58 contains the following information necessary to establish the  
59 applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:

60 1. The applicant's name.

61 2. The applicant's address of legal residence, including a  
62 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room  
63 number or other identifier, if appropriate. Failure to include a  
64 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room or  
65 other identifier on a voter registration application does not  
66 impact a voter's eligibility to register to vote or cast a  
67 ballot, and such an omission may not serve as the basis for a  
68 challenge to a voter's eligibility or reason to not count a  
69 ballot.



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- 70           3. The applicant's date of birth.
- 71           4. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant is a  
72 citizen of the United States.
- 73           5.a. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver  
74 license number or the identification number from a Florida  
75 identification card issued under s. 322.051, or
- 76           b. If the applicant has not been issued a current and valid  
77 Florida driver license or a Florida identification card, the  
78 last four digits of the applicant's social security number.  
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- 80 In case an applicant has not been issued a current and valid  
81 Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social  
82 security number, the applicant shall affirm this fact in the  
83 manner prescribed in the uniform statewide voter registration  
84 application.
- 85           6. A mark in the ~~applicable~~ checkbox affirming that the  
86 applicant has not been convicted of a felony or that, if  
87 convicted, ~~has had his or her civil rights restored through~~  
88 ~~executive clemency, or~~ has had his or her voting rights restored  
89 ~~pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.~~
- 90           7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has  
91 not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to  
92 voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to  
93 vote restored.
- 94           8. The original signature or a digital signature  
95 transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
96 Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the  
97 penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the  
98 information contained in the registration application is true



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99 and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the  
100 State Constitution and s. 97.051.

101 (6) A voter registration application, including an  
102 application with a change in name, address, or party  
103 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department  
104 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the driver  
105 license number, the Florida identification card number, or the  
106 last four digits of the social security number provided by the  
107 applicant. If a completed voter registration application has  
108 been received by the book-closing deadline but the driver  
109 license number, the Florida identification card number, or the  
110 last four digits of the social security number provided by the  
111 applicant cannot be verified, the applicant shall be notified  
112 that the number cannot be verified and that the applicant must  
113 provide evidence to the supervisor sufficient to verify the  
114 authenticity of the applicant's driver license number, Florida  
115 identification card number, or last four digits of the social  
116 security number. If the applicant provides the necessary  
117 evidence, the supervisor shall place the applicant's name on the  
118 registration rolls as an active voter. If the applicant has not  
119 provided the necessary evidence or the number has not otherwise  
120 been verified prior to the applicant presenting himself or  
121 herself to vote, the applicant shall be provided a provisional  
122 ballot. The provisional ballot shall be counted only if the  
123 number is verified by the end of the canvassing period or if the  
124 applicant presents evidence to the supervisor of elections  
125 sufficient to verify the authenticity of the applicant's driver  
126 license number, Florida identification card number, or last four  
127 digits of the social security number no later than 5 p.m. of the



128 second day following the election.

129 Section 4. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1),  
130 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsection (5) of section  
131 97.0575, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

132 97.0575 Third-party voter registrations.—

133 (1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a  
134 third-party voter registration organization must register and  
135 provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following  
136 information:

137 (c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary  
138 addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering  
139 persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization.  
140 This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit  
141 applications and do not collect or handle voter registration  
142 applications.

143 ~~(d) A sworn statement from each registration agent employed~~  
144 ~~by or volunteering for the organization stating that the agent~~  
145 ~~will obey all state laws and rules regarding the registration of~~  
146 ~~voters. Such statement must be on a form containing notice of~~  
147 ~~applicable penalties for false registration.~~

148 (3) (a) A third-party voter registration organization that  
149 collects voter registration applications serves as a fiduciary  
150 to the applicant, ensuring that any voter registration  
151 application entrusted to the organization, irrespective of party  
152 affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender, must shall be promptly  
153 delivered to the division or the supervisor of elections in the  
154 county in which the applicant resides within 14 days after the  
155 applicant completes it, but not after registration closes for  
156 the next ensuing election. A third-party voter registration



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157 organization must notify the applicant at the time the  
158 application is collected that the organization might not deliver  
159 the application to the division or the supervisor of elections  
160 in less than 14 days or before registration closes for the next  
161 ensuing election and must advise the applicant that he or she  
162 may deliver the application in person or by mail. The third-  
163 party voter registration organization must also inform the  
164 applicant how to register online with the division and how to  
165 determine whether the application has been delivered 48 hours  
166 after the applicant completes it or the next business day if the  
167 appropriate office is closed for that 48-hour period. If a voter  
168 registration application collected by any third-party voter  
169 registration organization is not promptly delivered to the  
170 division or supervisor of elections, the third-party voter  
171 registration organization is liable for the following fines:

172       1. A fine in the amount of \$50 for each application  
173 received by the division or the supervisor of elections in the  
174 county in which the applicant resides more than 14 days 48 hours  
175 after the applicant delivered the completed voter registration  
176 application to the third-party voter registration organization  
177 or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf or the next  
178 business day, if the office is closed. A fine in the amount of  
179 \$250 for each application received if the third-party voter  
180 registration organization or person, entity, or agency acting on  
181 its behalf acted willfully.

182       2. A fine in the amount of \$100 for each application  
183 collected by a third-party voter registration organization or  
184 any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, before book  
185 closing for any given election for federal or state office and



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186 received by the division or the supervisor of elections in the  
187 county in which the applicant resides after the book-closing  
188 deadline for such election. A fine in the amount of \$500 for  
189 each application received if the third-party registration  
190 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf  
191 acted willfully.

192 3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application  
193 collected by a third-party voter registration organization or  
194 any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not  
195 submitted to the division or supervisor of elections in the  
196 county in which the applicant resides. A fine in the amount of  
197 \$1,000 for any application not submitted if the third-party  
198 voter registration organization or person, entity, or agency  
199 acting on its behalf acted willfully.

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201 The aggregate fine pursuant to this paragraph which may be  
202 assessed against a third-party voter registration organization,  
203 including affiliate organizations, for violations committed in a  
204 calendar year is \$1,000.

205 (5) The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit  
206 specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from  
207 a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third-  
208 party voter registration organization but who does not appear as  
209 an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division  
210 shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the  
211 registration process, including controls to ensure that all  
212 completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or an  
213 appropriate supervisor ~~rules requiring third-party voter~~  
214 ~~registration organizations to account for all state and federal~~





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215 ~~registration forms used by their registration agents. Such rules~~  
216 ~~may require an organization to provide organization and form~~  
217 ~~specific identification information on each form as determined~~  
218 ~~by the department as needed to assist in the accounting of state~~  
219 ~~and federal registration forms.~~

220 Section 5. Paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (1)  
221 of section 97.0585, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

222 97.0585 Public records exemption; information regarding  
223 voters and voter registration; confidentiality.—

224 (1) The following information held by an agency, as defined  
225 in s. 119.011, and obtained for the purpose of voter  
226 registration is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
227 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and may be used only for  
228 purposes of voter registration:

229 ~~(d) Information related to a voter registration applicant's~~  
230 ~~or voter's prior felony conviction and whether such person has~~  
231 ~~had his or her voting rights restored by the Board of Executive~~  
232 ~~Clemency or pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution.~~

233 ~~(e)~~ All information concerning preregistered voter  
234 registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age.

235 ~~(e)-(f)~~ Paragraph (d) is Paragraphs (d) and (e) are subject  
236 to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.  
237 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless  
238 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
239 Legislature.

240 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection  
241 (2) of section 97.1031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

242 97.1031 Notice of change of residence, change of name, or  
243 change of party affiliation.—



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244 (1)  
245 (b) If the address change is within the state and notice is  
246 provided to the supervisor of elections of the county where the  
247 elector has moved, the elector may do so by:  
248 1. Contacting the supervisor of elections via telephone or  
249 electronic means, in which case the elector must provide his or  
250 her date of birth and either his or her Florida driver license  
251 number or the identification number from a Florida  
252 identification card issued under s. 322.051 or the last four  
253 digits of the his or her social security number; or  
254 2. Submitting the change on a voter registration  
255 application or other signed written notice.  
256 (2) When an elector seeks to change party affiliation, the  
257 elector shall notify his or her supervisor of elections or other  
258 voter registration official by submitting a voter registration  
259 application or other ~~using a~~ signed written notice that contains  
260 the elector's date of birth or voter registration number and  
261 either his or her Florida driver license number or the  
262 identification number from a Florida identification card issued  
263 under s. 322.051 or the last four digits of his or her social  
264 security number. When an elector changes his or her name by  
265 marriage or other legal process, the elector shall notify his or  
266 her supervisor of elections or other voter registration official  
267 by submitting a voter registration application or other ~~using a~~  
268 signed written notice that contains the elector's date of birth  
269 or voter's registration number and either his or her Florida  
270 driver license number or the identification number from a  
271 Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051 or the last  
272 four digits of his or her social security number.



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

275 And the title is amended as follows:

276       Delete lines 915 - 920

277 and insert:

278       registration applications; amending s.