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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Nixon offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 223-1991 and insert:

**Section 2.** Section 97.022, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

**Section 3.** Section 97.0291, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

**Section 4. Section 97.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

97.051 Oath upon registering.—A person registering to vote must subscribe to the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a United States citizen and will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to

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14 register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the  
15 State of Florida, and that all information provided in this  
16 application is true. I have carefully reviewed the instructions  
17 for completing the Florida Voter Registration Application. I  
18 understand that if I have provided false information on this  
19 application, I could be subject to criminal penalties for  
20 perjury, fines, or imprisonment, and deportation from the United  
21 States if I am not a United States citizen."

22 **Section 5. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of**  
23 **section 97.052, Florida Statutes, to read:**

24 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

25 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
26 must be designed to elicit the following information from the  
27 applicant:

28 (v) Documentation required by the United States Election  
29 Assistance Commission or federal law.

30 **Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida**  
31 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

32 97.0525 Online voter registration.—

33 (4) (a) The online voter registration system shall compare  
34 the Florida driver license number or Florida identification  
35 number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with information  
36 maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
37 Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the  
38 application are consistent with the records of the Department of

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39 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the applicant's legal  
40 status as a United States citizen can be verified by the records  
41 of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

42 (b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are  
43 consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety  
44 and Motor Vehicles, and the applicant's legal status as a United  
45 States citizen can be verified by the records of the Department  
46 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the online voter  
47 registration system shall transmit, using the statewide voter  
48 registration system maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the  
49 applicant's registration application, along with the digital  
50 signature of the applicant on file with the Department of  
51 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of  
52 elections. The applicant's digital signature satisfies the  
53 signature requirement of s. 97.052(2)(q).

54 (c) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be  
55 verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and  
56 Motor Vehicles, ~~or if the applicant indicated that he or she has~~  
57 ~~not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida~~  
58 ~~identification card,~~ the online voter registration system shall  
59 populate the applicant's information except for the applicant's  
60 personal identifying number into a printable voter registration  
61 application pursuant to s. 97.052(2) which ~~and direct~~ the  
62 applicant may ~~to~~ print, complete any required field, sign, and

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63 date the application and deliver the application to the  
64 supervisor of elections for disposition pursuant to s. 97.073.

65 (d)1. If the applicant's legal status as a United States  
66 citizen cannot be verified by the records of the Department of  
67 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the applicant will be  
68 registered as an unverified voter provided all other  
69 requirements have been met. The unverified voter will not be  
70 allowed to vote until he or she has provided sufficient evidence  
71 of citizenship to the supervisor of elections. The online voter  
72 registration system must transmit, using the statewide voter  
73 registration system maintained under s. 98.035, the applicant's  
74 registration application, along with the digital signature of  
75 the applicant on file with the Department of Highway Safety and  
76 Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's  
77 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.  
78 97.052(2)(q). The system must generate a notice to the  
79 supervisor of elections and to the applicant which states that  
80 the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen cannot  
81 be verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
82 Vehicles and that the applicant must provide to the supervisor  
83 of elections sufficient evidence of his or her United States  
84 citizenship and the supervisor of elections must verify the  
85 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen before the  
86 applicant may vote. Such notice must include a list of documents

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87 acceptable as evidence United States citizenship as set forth in  
88 s. 98.075(6)(c).

89 2. The supervisor of elections shall verify the legal  
90 status of an applicant identified by the Department of Highway  
91 Safety and Motor Vehicle as a person who is potentially not a  
92 United States citizen. If the supervisor determines based on  
93 credible and reliable information that the applicant is  
94 potentially ineligible to vote because he or she is not a United  
95 States citizen, the supervisor must provide notice to the  
96 applicant in accordance with s. 98.075(8). Such notice must  
97 include the list of documents acceptable as evidence of United  
98 States citizenship as set forth in s. 98.075(6)(c).

99 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been  
100 issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card,  
101 or chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to  
102 print, sign, and deliver, the online voter registration system  
103 must populate the applicant's information into a uniform  
104 statewide voter registration application under s. 97.052(2) and  
105 direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application  
106 and deliver the application to the supervisor of elections for  
107 disposition under s. 97.073.

108 **Section 7. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 97.053,**  
109 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

110 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

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111 (2) A voter registration application is complete and  
112 becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant  
113 when all information necessary to establish the applicant's  
114 eligibility under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 97.041 is received by a voter  
115 registration official and verified under ~~pursuant to~~ subsection  
116 (6). Except as provided in subsection (6), if the applicant  
117 fails to complete his or her voter registration application on  
118 or before ~~prior to~~ the date of book closing for an election,  
119 ~~then~~ such applicant is ~~shall~~ not be eligible to vote in that  
120 election.

121 (6) (a) A voter registration application, including an  
122 application with a change in name, address, or party  
123 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department  
124 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the Florida  
125 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,  
126 or the last four digits of the social security number provided  
127 by the applicant and the applicant's legal status as a United  
128 States citizen has been verified or recorded as verified in the  
129 statewide voter registration system. If a completed voter  
130 registration application has been received by the book-closing  
131 deadline but the Florida driver license number, the Florida  
132 identification card number, or the last four digits of the  
133 social security number provided by the applicant or the  
134 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen, whichever  
135 is applicable, cannot be verified, the applicant must ~~shall~~ be

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136 notified that ~~the number cannot be verified and that the~~  
137 applicant must provide ~~evidence~~ to the supervisor evidence  
138 sufficient to verify the authenticity of the ~~applicant's driver~~  
139 ~~license number, Florida identification card number, or last four~~  
140 ~~digits of the social security number~~ or provide one of the  
141 documents acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship  
142 set forth s. 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable. An applicant  
143 whose application does not meet the requirements of this  
144 subsection is deemed an unverified voter until the requirements  
145 have been met.

146 (b) If the applicant provides the necessary evidence, the  
147 supervisor shall place the applicant's name on the registration  
148 rolls as an active voter.

149 (c) If the application is to update to the voter's record  
150 with a change in name, address, or party affiliation, whichever  
151 is applicable, the change is retroactive to the date the  
152 application was initially received and the necessary  
153 documentation is verified.

154 (d) If the applicant has not provided the ~~necessary~~  
155 evidence to validate the applicant's number or citizenship as  
156 required under paragraph (a) before ~~or the number has not~~  
157 ~~otherwise been verified prior to the applicant~~ appears  
158 ~~presenting himself or herself to vote, the applicant~~ must ~~shall~~  
159 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must  
160 shall be counted pursuant to s. 101.048, only if the requisite

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161 verification occurs ~~number is verified~~ by the end of the  
162 canvassing period or if the applicant presents ~~evidence~~ to the  
163 supervisor of elections evidence sufficient to verify the  
164 authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver license number,  
165 Florida identification card number, ~~or~~ last four digits of the  
166 social security number, or provides one of the documents  
167 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship set forth s.  
168 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable, no later than 5 p.m. of  
169 the second day following the election.

170 **Section 8. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 97.057,**  
171 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

172 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
173 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

174 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
175 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match  
176 information in the statewide voter registration system with  
177 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety  
178 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy  
179 of a person's Florida ~~the~~ driver license number, Florida  
180 identification number, ~~or~~ last four digits of his or her ~~the~~  
181 social security number, or legal status as a United States  
182 citizen, as applicable, provided on applications for voter  
183 registration as required in s. 97.053. The department shall also  
184 include the documentary proof that the applicant provided in  
185 support of his or her United States citizenship.

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186 (13) Notwithstanding a declination to register or to  
187 update a voter registration pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)2.,  
188 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall, in  
189 accordance with s. 98.093(8), ~~must~~ assist the Department of  
190 State in ~~regularly~~ identifying changes in residence address or  
191 number on the Florida driver license or Florida identification  
192 card of persons who may be voters ~~of a voter~~. ~~The Department of~~  
193 ~~State must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor~~  
194 ~~of elections who must change the voter's registration records in~~  
195 ~~accordance with s. 98.065(4).~~

196 **Section 9. Section 97.0575, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
197 **to read:**

198 97.0575 Third-party voter registration organizations.—

199 ~~(1)~~ Before engaging in any voter registration activities,  
200 a third-party voter registration organization must register with  
201 ~~and provide to the division, in an electronic format, the~~  
202 ~~following information:~~

203 ~~(a) The names of the officers of the organization and the~~  
204 ~~name and permanent address of the organization.~~

205 ~~(b) The name and address of the organization's registered~~  
206 ~~agent in the state.~~

207 ~~(c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary~~  
208 ~~addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering~~  
209 ~~persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization.~~

210 ~~This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit~~

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211 ~~applications and do not collect or handle voter registration~~  
212 ~~applications.~~

213 ~~(d) Beginning November 6, 2024, the specific general~~  
214 ~~election cycle for which the third party voter registration~~  
215 ~~organization is registering persons to vote.~~

216 ~~(e) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling~~  
217 ~~voter registration applications on behalf of the third party~~  
218 ~~voter registration organization has not been convicted of a~~  
219 ~~felony violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an~~  
220 ~~offense specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in~~  
221 ~~s. 98.0751(2) (b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in~~  
222 ~~chapter 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837. A third party voter~~  
223 ~~registration organization is liable for a fine in the amount of~~  
224 ~~\$50,000 for each such person who has been convicted of a felony~~  
225 ~~violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an offense~~  
226 ~~specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in s.~~  
227 ~~98.0751(2) (b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in chapter~~  
228 ~~817, chapter 831, or chapter 837 who is collecting or handling~~  
229 ~~voter registration applications on behalf of the third party~~  
230 ~~voter registration organization.~~

231 ~~(f) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling~~  
232 ~~voter registration applications on behalf of the third party~~  
233 ~~voter registration organization is a citizen of the United~~  
234 ~~States of America. A third party voter registration organization~~  
235 ~~is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each such~~

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236 ~~person who is not a citizen and is collecting or handling voter~~  
237 ~~registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter~~  
238 ~~registration organization.~~

239 ~~(2) Beginning November 6, 2024, the registration of a~~  
240 ~~third-party voter registration organization automatically~~  
241 ~~expires at the conclusion of the specific general election cycle~~  
242 ~~for which the third-party voter registration organization is~~  
243 ~~registered.~~

244 ~~(3) The division or the supervisor of elections shall make~~  
245 ~~voter registration forms available to third-party voter~~  
246 ~~registration organizations. All such forms must contain~~  
247 ~~information identifying the organization to which the forms are~~  
248 ~~provided. The division shall maintain a database of all third-~~  
249 ~~party voter registration organizations and the voter~~  
250 ~~registration forms assigned to the third-party voter~~  
251 ~~registration organization. Each supervisor of elections shall~~  
252 ~~provide to the division information on voter registration forms~~  
253 ~~assigned to and received from third-party voter registration~~  
254 ~~organizations. The information must be provided in a format and~~  
255 ~~at times as required by the division by rule. The division shall~~  
256 ~~update information on third-party voter registrations daily and~~  
257 ~~make the information publicly available.~~

258 ~~(4) A third-party voter registration organization that~~  
259 ~~collects voter registration applications shall provide a receipt~~  
260 ~~to an applicant upon accepting possession of his or her~~

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261 ~~application. The division shall adopt by rule a uniform format~~  
262 ~~for the receipt by October 1, 2023. The format must include, but~~  
263 ~~need not be limited to, the name of the applicant, the date the~~  
264 ~~application is received, the name of the third party voter~~  
265 ~~registration organization, the name of the registration agent,~~  
266 ~~the applicant's political party affiliation, and the county in~~  
267 ~~which the applicant resides.~~

268 ~~(5) (a) A third party voter registration organization that~~  
269 ~~collects voter registration applications serves as a fiduciary~~  
270 ~~to the applicant and shall ensure that any voter registration~~  
271 ~~application entrusted to the organization, irrespective of party~~  
272 ~~affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender, is promptly delivered~~  
273 ~~to the division or the supervisor of elections in the county in~~  
274 ~~which the applicant resides within 10 days after the application~~  
275 ~~is completed by the applicant, but not after registration closes~~  
276 ~~for the next ensuing election. If a voter registration~~  
277 ~~application collected by any third party voter registration~~  
278 ~~organization is not promptly delivered to the division or~~  
279 ~~supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant~~  
280 ~~resides, the third party voter registration organization is~~  
281 ~~liable for the following fines:~~

282 ~~1. A fine in the amount of \$50 per each day late, up to~~  
283 ~~\$2,500, for each application received by the division or the~~  
284 ~~supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant~~  
285 ~~resides more than 10 days after the applicant delivered the~~

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286 ~~completed voter registration application to the third party~~  
287 ~~voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent~~  
288 ~~acting on its behalf. A fine in the amount of \$2,500 for each~~  
289 ~~application received if the third party voter registration~~  
290 ~~organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf~~  
291 ~~acted willfully.~~

292 ~~2. A fine in the amount of \$100 per each day late, up to~~  
293 ~~\$5,000, for each application collected by a third party voter~~  
294 ~~registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting~~  
295 ~~on its behalf, before book closing for any given election for~~  
296 ~~federal or state office and received by the division or the~~  
297 ~~supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant~~  
298 ~~resides after the book-closing deadline for such election. A~~  
299 ~~fine in the amount of \$5,000 for each application received if~~  
300 ~~the third party voter registration organization or any person,~~  
301 ~~entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.~~

302 ~~3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application~~  
303 ~~collected by a third party voter registration organization or~~  
304 ~~any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not~~  
305 ~~submitted to the division or supervisor of elections in the~~  
306 ~~county in which the applicant resides. A fine in the amount of~~  
307 ~~\$5,000 for any application not submitted if the third party~~  
308 ~~voter registration organization or person, entity, or agency~~  
309 ~~acting on its behalf acted willfully.~~

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311 ~~The aggregate fine which may be assessed pursuant to this~~  
312 ~~paragraph against a third party voter registration organization,~~  
313 ~~including affiliate organizations, for violations committed in a~~  
314 ~~calendar year is \$250,000.~~

315 ~~(b) A showing by the third party voter registration~~  
316 ~~organization that the failure to deliver the voter registration~~  
317 ~~application within the required timeframe is based upon force~~  
318 ~~majeure or impossibility of performance shall be an affirmative~~  
319 ~~defense to a violation of this subsection. The secretary may~~  
320 ~~waive the fines described in this subsection upon a showing that~~  
321 ~~the failure to deliver the voter registration application~~  
322 ~~promptly is based upon force majeure or impossibility of~~  
323 ~~performance.~~

324 ~~(6) If a person collecting voter registration applications~~  
325 ~~on behalf of a third party voter registration organization~~  
326 ~~alters the voter registration application of any other person,~~  
327 ~~without the other person's knowledge and consent, in violation~~  
328 ~~of s. 104.012(4) and is subsequently convicted of such offense,~~  
329 ~~the applicable third party voter registration organization is~~  
330 ~~liable for a fine in the amount of \$5,000 for each application~~  
331 ~~altered.~~

332 ~~(7) If a person collecting voter registration applications~~  
333 ~~on behalf of a third party voter registration organization~~  
334 ~~copies a voter's application or retains a voter's personal~~  
335 ~~information, such as the voter's Florida driver license number,~~

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336 ~~Florida identification card number, social security number, or~~  
337 ~~signature, for any reason other than to provide such application~~  
338 ~~or information to the third-party voter registration~~  
339 ~~organization in compliance with this section, the person commits~~  
340 ~~a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.~~  
341 ~~775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.~~

342 ~~(8) If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a~~  
343 ~~person has committed a violation of this section, the secretary~~  
344 ~~may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement.~~  
345 ~~The Attorney General may institute a civil action for a~~  
346 ~~violation of this section or to prevent a violation of this~~  
347 ~~section. An action for relief may include a permanent or~~  
348 ~~temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other~~  
349 ~~appropriate order.~~

350 ~~(9) The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit~~  
351 ~~specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from~~  
352 ~~a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third-~~  
353 ~~party voter registration organization but who does not appear as~~  
354 ~~an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division~~  
355 ~~shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the~~  
356 ~~registration process, including controls to ensure that all~~  
357 ~~completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or a~~  
358 ~~supervisor in the county in which the applicant resides.~~

359 ~~(10) The date on which an applicant signs a voter~~  
360 ~~registration application is presumed to be the date on which the~~

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361 ~~third party voter registration organization received or~~  
362 ~~collected the voter registration application.~~

363 ~~(11) A third party voter registration organization may not~~  
364 ~~mail or otherwise provide a voter registration application upon~~  
365 ~~which any information about an applicant has been filled in~~  
366 ~~before it is provided to the applicant. A third party voter~~  
367 ~~registration organization that violates this section is liable~~  
368 ~~for a fine in the amount of \$50 for each such application.~~

369 ~~(12) The requirements of this section are retroactive for~~  
370 ~~any third party voter registration organization registered with~~  
371 ~~the department as of July 1, 2023, and must be complied with~~  
372 ~~within 90 days after the department provides notice to the~~  
373 ~~third party voter registration organization of the requirements~~  
374 ~~contained in this section. Failure of the third party voter~~  
375 ~~registration organization to comply with the requirements within~~  
376 ~~90 days after receipt of the notice shall automatically result~~  
377 ~~in the cancellation of the third party voter registration~~  
378 ~~organization's registration.~~

379 **Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida**  
380 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

381 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of  
382 office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents,  
383 office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy  
384 supervisors; duties.—

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385 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be  
386 open Monday through Friday, ~~excluding legal holidays,~~ for a  
387 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than  
388 9 a.m.

389 (b) The office of the supervisor may close to observe  
390 legal holidays and other federal, state, or county-approved  
391 holidays if the office is not otherwise required to be open to  
392 fulfill official duties under the Florida Election Code.

393 **Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida**  
394 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

395 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

396 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—

397 (a) The supervisor shall ~~must~~ ensure that any eligible  
398 applicant for voter registration is registered to vote and that  
399 each application for voter registration is processed in  
400 accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine whether a  
401 voter registration applicant is ineligible to vote based on any  
402 of the following:

403 1.(a) The failure to complete a voter registration  
404 application as specified in s. 97.053.

405 2.(b) The applicant is deceased.

406 3.(c) The applicant has been convicted of a felony for  
407 which his or her voting rights have not been restored.

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408        ~~4.(d)~~ The applicant has been adjudicated mentally  
409 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right  
410 has not been restored.

411        ~~5.(e)~~ The applicant does not meet the age requirement  
412 pursuant to s. 97.041.

413        ~~6.(f)~~ The applicant is not a United States citizen.

414        ~~7.(g)~~ The applicant is a fictitious person.

415        ~~8.(h)~~ The applicant has provided an address of legal  
416 residence that is not his or her legal residence.

417        ~~9.(i)~~ The applicant has provided a Florida driver license  
418 number, Florida identification card number, or the last four  
419 digits of a social security number that is not verifiable by the  
420 department.

421        (b) If the most updated voter registration records show  
422 that a new applicant was previously registered but subsequently  
423 removed from the statewide voter registration system under s.  
424 98.075(8) for ineligibility by reason of a felony conviction  
425 without voting rights restored, adjudication as mentally  
426 incapacitated with respect to voting without voting rights  
427 restored, death, or legal status as not a United States citizen,  
428 the supervisor must, within 13 days after receiving a new  
429 application, verify the current eligibility of the applicant to  
430 register by reviewing any governmental entity document or source  
431 to determine whether the applicant remains ineligible. If the  
432 supervisor determines that the applicant is still ineligible to

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433 vote, the supervisor must deny the application and notify the  
434 applicant pursuant to s. 97.073.

435 **Section 12. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section**  
436 **98.075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),**  
437 **(8), and (9), respectively, subsections (4) and (5), present**  
438 **subsection (6), paragraph (a) of present subsection (7), and**  
439 **paragraph (a) of present subsection (8) are amended, and a new**  
440 **subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:**

441 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;  
442 ineligibility determinations.—

443 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department  
444 shall identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated  
445 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not  
446 had their voting rights restored by comparing information  
447 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.  
448 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an  
449 initial determination as to whether the information is credible  
450 and reliable. If the department determines that the information  
451 is credible and reliable, the department must notify the  
452 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation  
453 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be  
454 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has  
455 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the  
456 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in

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457 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter from  
458 the statewide voter registration system.

459 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

460 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters  
461 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have  
462 not been restored by comparing information received from, but  
463 not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of  
464 Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the  
465 Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's  
466 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review  
467 such information and make an initial determination as to whether  
468 the information is credible and reliable. If the department  
469 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the  
470 department must notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the  
471 supporting documentation indicating the potential ineligibility  
472 of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that  
473 the department has made a determination of initial credibility  
474 and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures  
475 set forth in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a  
476 registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration  
477 system.

478 (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective  
479 clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093  
480 to identify registered voters within their respective  
481 jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the

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482 preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.  
483 The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
484 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter's  
485 name from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes  
486 of this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (8)  
487 ~~(7)~~ begin upon his or her determination that the information  
488 received from the clerk is credible and reliable.

489 (6) CITIZENSHIP.-

490 (a) The Department of State shall verify the citizenship  
491 status of all registered voters whose legal status has not  
492 already been verified as a United States citizen. If the  
493 citizenship status of a registered voter cannot be verified or  
494 the voter record does not indicate that the registered voter's  
495 citizenship is verified, the department must notify the  
496 supervisor of elections who must notify the registered voter.

497 (b) The department shall review the information received  
498 from the Department of Highway Safety under s. 98.093(8) and  
499 make an initial determination as to whether the information and  
500 any other information regarding citizenship is credible and  
501 reliable. If the department determines that the information is  
502 credible and reliable, the department must notify the supervisor  
503 and provide a copy of the supporting documentation indicating  
504 the potential ineligibility of the voter.

505 (c) Upon receipt of the notice under paragraph (a) or  
506 paragraph (b), the supervisor of elections must notify the

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507 registered voter in accordance with subsection (8) that his or  
508 her United States citizenship could not be verified and require  
509 the registered voter to submit evidence sufficient to verify his  
510 or her citizenship status. The notice to the registered voter  
511 must include the following list of documents that will be  
512 accepted as evidence of United States citizenship:

513 1. A current and valid United States passport.

514 2. A United States birth certificate.

515 3. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the  
516 United States Department of State.

517 4. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida  
518 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety  
519 and Motor Vehicles if such driver license or identification card  
520 indicates United States citizenship.

521 5. A naturalization certificate, a certificate of  
522 citizenship, a certificate number, or an alien registration  
523 number issued by the United States Department of Homeland  
524 Security.

525 6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the  
526 Federal Government or the government of this state which  
527 indicates United States citizenship.

528 7. An order from a federal court granting United States  
529 citizenship.

530 (d) If the registered voter's legal name is different than  
531 the name that appears on one of the documents specified in

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532 paragraph (c), the applicant must also provide official  
533 documentation providing proof of a legal name change.

534 (e) The type of document provided or used to verify  
535 citizenship must be recorded in the statewide voter registration  
536 system.

537 (7)-(6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—Subsections (2)-(6)  
538 (2)-(5) do not limit or restrict the department or the  
539 supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,  
540 access to, or knowledge of information from any governmental  
541 entity that identifies a registered voter as potentially  
542 ineligible. If the department or supervisor receives information  
543 from any governmental entity other than those identified in  
544 subsections (2)-(6) (2)-(5) that a registered voter is  
545 ineligible because the voter is deceased, adjudicated a  
546 convicted felon without having had his or her voting rights  
547 restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had  
548 his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age  
549 requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States  
550 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address that  
551 is not his or her address of legal residence, the supervisor  
552 must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (8) (7)  
553 before the removal of the name of a registered voter who is  
554 determined to be ineligible from the statewide voter  
555 registration system.

556 (8)-(7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

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557 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information  
558 pursuant to subsections (4)-(7) ~~(4)-(6)~~, the supervisor of the  
559 county in which the voter is registered must:

560 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential  
561 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or  
562 information. The notice must include:

563 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's  
564 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon  
565 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation  
566 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined  
567 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as  
568 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

569 b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days  
570 after receipt of the notice may result in a determination of  
571 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from  
572 the statewide voter registration system.

573 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to  
574 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the  
575 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by  
576 the supervisor.

577 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy  
578 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
579 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
580 determining eligibility.

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581 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the  
582 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is  
583 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

584 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights  
585 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and  
586 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.  
587 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony  
588 conviction, if applicable.

589 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
590 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
591 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
592 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
593 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
594 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
595 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
596 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
597 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

598 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the  
599 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned  
600 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general  
601 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered  
602 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.  
603 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by  
604 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

605 a. The voter's name and address.

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606           b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to  
607 be registered to vote.

608           c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days  
609 after the notice is published may result in a determination of  
610 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered  
611 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

612           d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor  
613 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to  
614 receive information regarding the basis for the potential  
615 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

616           e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance  
617 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections  
618 of the county in which the voter is registered.

619           f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of  
620 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
621 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
622 determining eligibility.

623           g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
624 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
625 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
626 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
627 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
628 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
629 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of

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630 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
631 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

632 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice  
633 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor  
634 must make a final determination of the voter's eligibility  
635 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to  
636 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is  
637 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the  
638 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
639 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter  
640 of the supervisor's determination and action.

641 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant  
642 to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of  
643 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
644 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, make a final  
645 determination of ineligibility and remove the voter's name from  
646 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall  
647 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination  
648 and action.

649 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued  
650 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the  
651 accuracy of the information underlying the potential  
652 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor  
653 must review the evidence and make a determination of eligibility  
654 no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the

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655 voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is  
656 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the  
657 statewide voter registration system upon such determination and  
658 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination  
659 and action and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a  
660 determination of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755. If such  
661 registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor must send  
662 notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and  
663 place specified in the notice. The supervisor shall schedule and  
664 issue notice for the hearing within 7 days after receiving the  
665 voter's request for a hearing and shall hold the hearing no  
666 later than 30 days after issuing the notice of the hearing. A  
667 voter may request an extension upon showing good cause by  
668 submitting an affidavit to the supervisor as to why he or she is  
669 unable to attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all  
670 evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a  
671 determination of eligibility within 7 days. If the supervisor  
672 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the  
673 supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter  
674 registration system and notify the registered voter of the  
675 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter  
676 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant  
677 to s. 98.0755.

678 (9)~~(8)~~ CERTIFICATION.-

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679 (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the  
680 supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor  
681 has conducted the activities required pursuant to this section  
682 during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year,  
683 respectively. The certification must include the number of  
684 persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to subsection (8)  
685 ~~(7)~~; the number of persons who responded to the notices; the  
686 number of notices returned as undeliverable; the number of  
687 notices published in the newspaper, on the county's website, or  
688 on the supervisor's website; the number of hearings conducted;  
689 and the number of persons removed from the statewide voter  
690 registration system and the reasons for such removals.

691 **Section 13. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (9) of**  
692 **section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs**  
693 **(d), (e), and (f) are added to subsection (8) of that section,**  
694 **to read:**

695 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating  
696 to deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,  
697 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United  
698 States citizens.—

699 (8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The  
700 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish  
701 weekly to the department the following information:

702 (d) Information identifying those persons who during the  
703 preceding week presented evidence of United States citizenship

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704 upon being issued a new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver  
705 license or Florida identification card. The information must  
706 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four  
707 digits of his or her social security number, if applicable;  
708 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card  
709 number, if available; the type of documentary proof the person  
710 provided in support of his or her citizenship; and, if  
711 applicable, the person's alien registration number or other  
712 legal status identifier.

713 (e) Information identifying a change in residence address  
714 on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of  
715 any person who declined to register or update his or her voter's  
716 registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The information must  
717 contain the person's name; date of birth; sex; last four digits  
718 of his or her social security number, if available; and Florida  
719 driver license or Florida identification card number in order to  
720 identify a voter's registration record. The Department of State  
721 must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of  
722 elections who must change the voter's registration records in  
723 accordance with s. 98.065(4).

724 (f) Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement  
725 Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers  
726 issued to persons who declined to register or update his or her  
727 voter's registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The  
728 information must contain the person's name; date of birth; last

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729 four digits of his or her social security number, if available;  
730 and the person's prior and current Florida driver license or  
731 Florida identification card number in order to identify a  
732 voter's registration record. The Department of State must report  
733 the prior and current Florida driver license or Florida  
734 identification card numbers to the appropriate supervisor of  
735 elections who must update the voter's registration records and  
736 provide notice of the change to the registered voter in the same  
737 manner as a change of address made in accordance with s.  
738 98.065(4).

739 (9) CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or restrict  
740 the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,  
741 access to, or knowledge of official information from these and  
742 other governmental entities that identify a registered voter as  
743 potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of the name of  
744 the registered voter who is determined to be ineligible from the  
745 statewide voter registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~  
746 ~~98.075(7)~~.

747 **Section 14. Section 98.094, Florida Statutes, is created**  
748 **to read:**

749 98.094 Federal jury notice.—

750 (1) The Division of Elections shall provide a list,  
751 monthly, of registered voters to federal courts for purposes of  
752 selecting jurors and the jury coordinator must provide the

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753 division notice regarding any ineligible or potentially  
754 ineligible voters.

755 (2) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be  
756 prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially  
757 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service because  
758 the person is not a United States citizen, was convicted of a  
759 felony, is deceased, is not a resident of this state, or is not  
760 a resident of the county in which such jury service is required.  
761 The list must be prepared and sent to the division according to  
762 the jury summons cycle used by the clerk of court. This section  
763 does not prevent the list from being sent more frequently. The  
764 list prepared by the jury coordinator may be provided by mail,  
765 e-mail, or other electronic means to the division.

766 (3) The jury coordinator shall provide the division with  
767 all of the following information about each disqualified or  
768 potentially disqualified juror:

769 (a) The full name of the juror.

770 (b) Current and prior addresses, if any.

771 (c) Telephone number, if available.

772 (d) Date of birth.

773 (e) The reason the prospective juror is disqualified.

774 (4) The division shall provide the information received  
775 under subsection (3) to the appropriate supervisor of elections  
776 in the county of residence of the disqualified juror in order  
777 for the supervisor to initiate address list maintenance under s.

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778 98.065 or eligibility maintenance under s. 98.075(8), as  
779 applicable.

780 **Section 15. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraphs (b)**  
781 **and (c) of subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes,**  
782 **are amended, and paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) are added to that**  
783 **subsection, to read:**

784 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

785 (1)

786 (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for  
787 nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the  
788 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in  
789 writing:

790 1. The party of which the person is a member.

791 2. That the person has been a registered member of the  
792 political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a  
793 candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the  
794 beginning of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election  
795 for which the person seeks to qualify.

796 3. That the person has paid the assessment levied against  
797 him or her, if any, as a candidate for said office by the  
798 executive committee of the party of which he or she is a member.

799 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office  
800 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of  
801 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he  
802 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he

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803 or she has not been a registered member of any political party  
804 for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the beginning  
805 of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election for which  
806 the person seeks to qualify.

807 (f) A qualified candidate or a political party with a  
808 qualified candidate in the same race may challenge the accuracy  
809 of the content of the statement in a candidate's oath or  
810 affirmation appearing in subparagraph (a)1. that the person  
811 seeking to qualify as a candidate for nomination or election is  
812 qualified under the State Constitution to hold the office to  
813 which he or she desires to be nominated or elected by filing an  
814 action for declaratory and injunctive relief in the circuit  
815 court for the county in which the qualifying officer is  
816 headquartered. A person may not be qualified as a candidate for  
817 nomination or election and his or her name may not appear on the  
818 ballot if in an order that has become final, the court  
819 determines that the person seeking to qualify as a candidate for  
820 nomination or election is not qualified under the State  
821 Constitution to hold the office to which he or she desires to be  
822 nominated or elected.

823 (g) The statements in subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c)  
824 constitute substantive requirements for the person completing  
825 the statement, and compliance with those requirements is  
826 mandatory. The sole method to enforce compliance with such  
827 requirements is contained in this paragraph. Compliance with

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828 subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c) may be challenged by a  
829 qualified candidate or a political party with a qualified  
830 candidate in the same race by filing an action for declaratory  
831 and injunctive relief in the circuit court for the county in  
832 which the qualifying officer is headquartered. A person may not  
833 be qualified as a candidate for nomination or election and his  
834 or her name may not appear on the ballot if in an order that has  
835 become final, the court determines that:

836 1. The person seeking to qualify for nomination as a  
837 candidate of any political party has not been a registered  
838 member of that party for the 365-day period preceding the  
839 beginning of qualifying; or

840 2. The person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate  
841 with no party affiliation has not been registered without party  
842 affiliation for, or has been a registered member of any  
843 political party during, the 365-day period preceding the  
844 beginning of qualifying.

845 (h) Any candidate or political party bringing an action  
846 for declaratory and injunctive relief under paragraph (f) or  
847 paragraph (g) is entitled to an expedited final hearing and any  
848 appeal of a final hearing shall receive expedited consideration  
849 by the appellate court. Upon a final order of the circuit court  
850 containing a determination in paragraph (f) or paragraph (g),  
851 the supervisor of elections in each county affected by such  
852 candidacy shall remove the name of the candidate from the

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853 ballot, or if the ballots have already been printed, post a  
854 notice to be included with each vote-by-mail ballot, and at each  
855 early voting location and polling precinct that a vote for such  
856 candidate will not be counted.

857 **Section 16.** Section 101.019, Florida Statutes, is  
858 repealed.

859 **Section 17. Section 16. Subsection (1) of section**  
860 **101.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

861 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

862 (1)(a) ~~Marksense~~ Ballots must ~~shall~~ be printed on paper of  
863 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from  
864 the back and must ~~shall~~ meet the specifications of the voting  
865 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

866 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a  
867 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual ~~marksense~~  
868 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible voters  
869 ~~electors~~. Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce  
870 ~~marksense~~ vote-by-mail, early voting, and election-day ballots.

871 **Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida**  
872 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

873 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No  
874 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved  
875 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

876 (4) ~~For systems using marksense ballots,~~ It accepts a  
877 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to

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878 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has  
879 been overvoted or undervoted.

880 **Section 19. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is**  
881 **amended to read:**

882 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating  
883 ballot selections, all voting must be by official ~~marksense~~  
884 ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with  
885 the voting system. Persons with disabilities may vote using  
886 ~~marking device or~~ a voter interface device that produces a  
887 voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility  
888 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of  
889 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

890 **Section 20. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section**  
891 **101.5608, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

892 101.5608 Voting at the polls ~~by electronic or~~  
893 ~~electromechanical method~~; procedures.—

894 (1) Each voter ~~elector~~ desiring to vote shall be  
895 identified to the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly  
896 qualified voter ~~elector~~ of such election and shall sign his or  
897 her name on the precinct register or other form or device  
898 provided by the supervisor. The inspector shall compare the  
899 signature with the signature on the identification provided by  
900 the voter ~~elector~~. If the inspector is reasonably sure that the  
901 person is entitled to vote, the inspector shall provide the  
902 person with a ballot.

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903 (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system  
904 utilizes a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~, the following  
905 procedures must ~~shall~~ be followed to vote:

906 (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter  
907 ~~elector~~ shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a  
908 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or  
909 her ballot, the voter ~~elector~~ shall place the ballot in a  
910 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the  
911 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

912 (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an  
913 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure  
914 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be  
915 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device  
916 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be considered  
917 spoiled and a new ballot must ~~shall~~ be provided to the voter  
918 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The  
919 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall  
920 state the possible reasons for the rejection and ~~shall~~ provide  
921 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled  
922 ballot must ~~shall~~ be preserved, without examination, in an  
923 envelope provided for that purpose. The stub must ~~shall~~ be  
924 removed from the ballot and placed in an envelope.

925 (c) The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each  
926 polling place at least one ballot box to contain the ballots of

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927 a particular precinct, and each ballot box must ~~shall~~ be plainly  
928 marked with the name of the precinct for which it is intended.

929 (3) The Department of State shall promulgate rules  
930 regarding voting procedures to be used when an electronic or  
931 electromechanical voting system is of a type which does not  
932 utilize a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~.

933 **Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida**  
934 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

935 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

936 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this  
937 section shall employ test ballots created by the supervisor of  
938 elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the  
939 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the  
940 election, the supervisor shall also create test ballots using  
941 the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to produce  
942 ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as will be  
943 used for ballots in the election.

944 **Section 22. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
945 **to read:**

946 101.591 Voting system automated independent vote  
947 validation process; system approval; procedures ~~audit~~.—

948 (1) Before ~~Immediately following~~ the certification of each  
949 election, the county canvassing board or the local board  
950 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct a ~~manual~~

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951 ~~audit or an automated,~~ independent vote validation audit of the  
952 voting systems used in all ~~randomly selected~~ precincts.

953 ~~(2) (a) A manual audit shall consist of a public manual~~  
954 ~~tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that~~  
955 ~~appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-~~  
956 ~~day, vote by mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas~~  
957 ~~ballots, in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the~~  
958 ~~precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the~~  
959 ~~local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1~~  
960 ~~percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the~~  
961 ~~audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at~~  
962 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~  
963 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~  
964 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

965 ~~(2) (a) (b)~~ An automated independent vote validation process  
966 must audit shall consist of an a public automated verification  
967 of the tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on  
968 the ballot. The tally sheet must shall include all valid  
969 election day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and  
970 overseas ballots received by the start of the vote validation  
971 process in all ~~at least 20 percent of the precincts chosen at~~  
972 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~  
973 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~  
974 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

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975 ~~(b)-(e)~~ The division shall adopt rules for approval of an  
976 automated independent vote validation process audit system which  
977 provide that the process system, at a minimum, must be:

- 978 1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.
- 979 2. Fast enough to produce final vote validation audit  
980 results within the timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).
- 981 3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record  
982 have been accurately adjudicated by the automated independent  
983 vote validation process in agreement with the vote tabulation  
984 system and is capable of allowing the canvassing board to  
985 manually adjudicate ballots needing review. A canvassing board  
986 is not precluded from reviewing a digital image of a ballot  
987 corresponding to a physical paper ballot in conducting its  
988 review audit system.

989 (3) The canvassing board shall publish ~~post~~ a notice of  
990 the automated independent vote validation process audit,  
991 including the date, time, and place such process will occur, on  
992 the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor  
993 of election's website, or once in one or more newspapers of  
994 general circulation in the county in which the process will  
995 occur. Such process must be open to the public, in four  
996 conspicuous places in the county and on the home page of the  
997 county supervisor of elections website.

998 (4) The automated independent vote validation process  
999 audit must be completed and the results made public before the

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1000 certification of the election by each county canvassing board  
1001 and in accordance with s. 102.141 no later than 11:59 p.m. on  
1002 ~~the 7th day following certification of the election by the~~  
1003 ~~county canvassing board or the local board responsible for~~  
1004 ~~certifying the election.~~

1005 (5) By December 15 of each general election year, the  
1006 county canvassing board or the board responsible for certifying  
1007 the election shall provide a report with the results of the  
1008 automated independent vote validation process ~~audit~~ to the  
1009 Department of State in a standard format as prescribed by the  
1010 department under s. 101.5911. Each county's ~~The~~ report must be  
1011 consolidated into one report and included with the overvote and  
1012 undervote report required under s. 101.595(1). The report must,  
1013 at a minimum, shall contain all of, ~~but is not limited to,~~ the  
1014 following items:

1015 (a) The overall agreement ~~accuracy~~ of the automated  
1016 independent vote validation process ~~audit~~.

1017 (b) A description of any problems or differences  
1018 ~~discrepancies~~ encountered during the automated independent vote  
1019 validation process.

1020 (c) The likely cause of such problems or differences  
1021 ~~discrepancies~~.

1022 (d) Any recommended corrective action with respect to  
1023 avoiding or mitigating such circumstances in future elections.

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1024 (6) The department shall consolidate the county automated  
1025 independent vote validation results and include the results as  
1026 part of the post-general election report submitted to the  
1027 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1028 House of Representatives by February 15 of each year following a  
1029 general election as required under ss. 101.595(3) and  
1030 102.141(11) If a manual recount is undertaken pursuant to s.  
1031 102.166, the canvassing board is not required to perform the  
1032 audit provided for in this section.

1033 **Section 23. Section 101.5911, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1034 **to read:**

1035 101.5911 Rulemaking authority for automated independent  
1036 vote validation process approval; voting system audit  
1037 procedures. Effective upon this act becoming a law, The  
1038 department of State shall adopt rules to implement the  
1039 provisions of s. 101.591, as amended by s. 8, chapter 2007-30,  
1040 Laws of Florida, which provides for the testing and approval of  
1041 an automated independent vote validation process, and prescribes  
1042 prescribe detailed automated independent vote validation audit  
1043 procedures for each voting system, which must shall be uniform  
1044 to the extent practicable, along with the standard form for  
1045 automated independent vote validation process audit reports.

1046 **Section 24. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.595,**  
1047 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

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1048 101.595 Analysis of overvotes and undervotes ~~reports of~~  
1049 ~~voting problems.~~-

1050 (1) No later than December 15 of each general election  
1051 year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to  
1052 the Department of State the total number of overvotes and  
1053 undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor  
1054 and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot  
1055 or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot  
1056 pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for  
1057 such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be  
1058 useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and  
1059 identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which  
1060 may have contributed to voter confusion. This report must be  
1061 consolidated into one report with the automated independent vote  
1062 validation ~~audit~~ report required under s. 101.591(6) ~~s.~~  
1063 ~~101.591(5)~~.

1064 (3) The Department of State shall submit the overvote and  
1065 undervote analysis required under subsection (2) as part of the  
1066 post-general election report to the Governor, the President of  
1067 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
1068 February 15 of each year following a general election as  
1069 required under ss. 101.591(6) and 102.141(11).

1070 **Section 25. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**  
1071 **101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1072 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.-

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1073 (4)

1074 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in  
1075 substantially the following form:

1076 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
1077 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
1078 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1079 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will  
1080 be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as  
1081 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
1082 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
1083 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

1084 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
1085 Signature).

1086 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
1087 identification:

1088 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
1089 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;  
1090 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
1091 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport  
1092 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~  
1093 ~~or credit card; military identification; student identification;~~  
1094 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~  
1095 ~~identification; public assistance~~ identification; veteran health  
1096 identification card issued by the United States Department of  
1097 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon

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1098 or firearm; or any ~~an employee~~ identification card issued by any  
1099 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
1100 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1101 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
1102 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and  
1103 current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
1104 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
1105 voter information card).

1106 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
1107 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
1108 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
1109 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
1110 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
1111 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
1112 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your  
1113 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
1114 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your  
1115 ballot will not count.

1116 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed  
1117 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of  
1118 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as  
1119 attachments.

1120 **Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida**  
1121 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

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1122 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
1123 certain first-time voters.—

1124 (2) A voter covered by this section must be provided with  
1125 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in  
1126 substantially the following form:

1127 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.  
1128 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT  
1129 TO COUNT.

1130 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will  
1131 be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as  
1132 possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the  
1133 county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on  
1134 the date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
1135 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
1136 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
1137 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
1138 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
1139 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
1140 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less  
1141 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is  
1142 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the  
1143 election.

1144 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
1145 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
1146 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

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1147 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
1148 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
1149 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
1150 that race will not be counted.

1151 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
1152 envelope and seal the envelope.

1153 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
1154 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
1155 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
1156 envelope.

1157 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
1158 Signature).

1159 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
1160 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
1161 your ballot may not be counted.

1162 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
1163 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
1164 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
1165 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
1166 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the  
1167 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
1168 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
1169 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
1170 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

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1171 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
1172 must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
1173 identification:

1174 a. Identification which must include your name and  
1175 photograph: United States passport or passport card; United  
1176 States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; debit or credit  
1177 card; military identification; student identification;  
1178 retirement center identification; neighborhood association  
1179 identification; public assistance identification; veteran health  
1180 identification card issued by the United States Department of  
1181 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon  
1182 or firearm; or any an employee identification card issued by any  
1183 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
1184 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1185 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
1186 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
1187 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
1188 voter information card).

1189 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
1190 if you meet one of the following requirements:

- 1191 a. You are 65 years of age or older.  
1192 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.  
1193 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
1194 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
1195 county on election day.

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1196 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
1197 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
1198 county on election day.

1199 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
1200 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
1201 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
1202 election day.

1203 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

1204 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
1205 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
1206 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
1207 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
1208 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR  
1209 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1210 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
1211 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

1212 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
1213 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
1214 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
1215 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
1216 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1217 **Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida**  
1218 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1219 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

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1220 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 9 &  
1221 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 9 & a.m. on  
1222 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of  
1223 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and  
1224 for each constitutional amendment. On days the Legislature  
1225 convenes for organizational session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art.  
1226 III of the State Constitution, such meeting will begin at 8 a.m.  
1227 If a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted  
1228 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the  
1229 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a  
1230 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the  
1231 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the  
1232 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify  
1233 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,  
1234 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and  
1235 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

1236 **Section 28. Subsections (3) through (11) of section**  
1237 **102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1238 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1239 (3) The canvass, except the canvass of absent electors'  
1240 returns and the canvass of provisional ballots, must ~~shall~~ be  
1241 made from the returns and certificates of the inspectors as  
1242 signed and filed by them with the supervisor, and the county  
1243 canvassing board may ~~shall~~ not change the number of votes cast  
1244 for a candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment, or other

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1245 measure submitted to the electorate of the county, respectively,  
1246 in any polling place, as shown by the returns. All returns must  
1247 ~~shall~~ be made to the board on or before 2 a.m. of the day  
1248 following any primary, general, or other election. If the  
1249 returns from any precinct are missing, if there are any  
1250 omissions on the returns from any precinct, or if there is an  
1251 obvious error on any such returns, the canvassing board must  
1252 ~~shall~~ order a retabulation of the returns from such precinct.  
1253 Before canvassing such returns, the canvassing board shall  
1254 examine the tabulation of the ballots cast in such precinct and  
1255 determine whether the returns correctly reflect the votes cast.  
1256 If there is a discrepancy between the returns and the tabulation  
1257 of the ballots cast, the tabulation of the ballots cast must  
1258 ~~shall~~ be presumed correct and such votes shall be canvassed  
1259 accordingly.

1260 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the  
1261 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the  
1262 day before the election the results of all early voting and  
1263 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by  
1264 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),  
1265 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the  
1266 results of such uploads may not be made public before the close  
1267 of the polls on election day.

1268 (b) The supervisor of elections, on behalf of the  
1269 canvassing board, shall report all early voting and all

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1270 tabulated vote-by-mail results to the Department of State within  
1271 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing  
1272 board shall report, with the exception of provisional ballot  
1273 results, updated precinct election results, which must be  
1274 uploaded to the department at least every 45 minutes until all  
1275 results are completely reported. The supervisor of elections  
1276 shall notify the department immediately of any circumstances  
1277 that do not permit periodic updates as required. Results must  
1278 ~~shall~~ be submitted in a format prescribed by the department.

1279 (5) (a) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in  
1280 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the  
1281 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or  
1282 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the  
1283 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on  
1284 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns  
1285 must ~~shall~~ include the canvass of all ballots, including write-  
1286 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

1287 (b) After unofficial results are reported, each county  
1288 must conduct an automated independent vote validation process,  
1289 in accordance with s. 101.591, to validate that the votes  
1290 processed through the vote tabulation system for a candidate for  
1291 any office, candidate for retention to a judicial office, or a  
1292 measure appearing on the ballot do not:

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1293 1. Have a discrepancy of more than one-half of a percent  
1294 when compared to the results of the automated independent vote  
1295 validation process; or

1296 2. Result in a change in the outcome of the election.  
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1298 The automated independent vote validation process must be  
1299 completed no later than noon on the 6th day after any primary  
1300 election and no later than noon on the 7th day after any general  
1301 or other election.

1302 (c) ~~(6)~~ If the county canvassing board determines, after  
1303 the county conducts the automated independent vote validation  
1304 process in accordance with s. 101.591, and the comparison of the  
1305 results of the vote tabulation and the automated independent  
1306 vote validation process indicates that the unofficial returns  
1307 may contain a counting error in which the vote tabulation system  
1308 or the automated independent vote validation process failed to  
1309 count votes that were properly marked in accordance with the  
1310 instructions on the ballot, the county canvassing board shall:

1311 1. ~~(a)~~ Correct the error and retabulate the affected  
1312 ballots with the vote tabulation system or the automated  
1313 independent vote validation process; or

1314 2. ~~(b)~~ Request that the Department of State verify the  
1315 tabulation software of the affected system or process. When the  
1316 Department of State verifies such software, the department shall  
1317 compare the software used to tabulate the votes with the

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1318 software filed with the department pursuant to s. 101.5607 and  
1319 check the election parameters.

1320 (6) (a) - (7) If the comparison of the results of the vote  
1321 tabulation system and the automated independent vote validation  
1322 process reflects a difference as described in paragraph (5) (b),  
1323 the proper county election official under the oversight of the  
1324 county canvassing board must conduct a system validation review  
1325 using the images in the automated independent vote validation  
1326 process of the ballots in disagreement, which must include, but  
1327 is not limited to, a review of any clear overvotes or undervotes  
1328 that appear in the automated independent vote validation process  
1329 to adjudicate the voter's intent of such ballots before  
1330 certification of the county's official results. If the  
1331 unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was  
1332 defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the  
1333 votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention to a  
1334 judicial office was retained or not retained by one-half of a  
1335 percent or less of the votes cast on the question of retention,  
1336 or that a measure appearing on the ballot was approved or  
1337 rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on  
1338 such measure, a system validation review must ~~recount shall~~ be  
1339 ordered of the votes cast with respect to such office or  
1340 measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering such  
1341 system validation reviews ~~recounts~~ in all federal, state, and  
1342 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or the local

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1343 board responsible for certifying the election is responsible for  
1344 ordering a system validation review under this subsection  
1345 ~~recounts~~ in all other races. A system validation review ~~recount~~  
1346 need not be ordered with respect to the returns for any office,  
1347 however, if the candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated  
1348 from contention for such office by one-half of a percent or less  
1349 of the votes cast for such office request in writing that a  
1350 system validation review ~~recount~~ not be made.

1351 ~~(a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~  
1352 ~~recount shall put each marksense ballot through automatic~~  
1353 ~~tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly~~  
1354 ~~reflect the votes cast. If any marksense ballot is physically~~  
1355 ~~damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic~~  
1356 ~~tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall~~  
1357 ~~be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.~~  
1358 ~~101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test~~  
1359 ~~of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.~~  
1360 ~~101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation~~  
1361 ~~of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes~~  
1362 ~~shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the~~  
1363 ~~cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the~~  
1364 ~~recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall~~  
1365 ~~immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error~~  
1366 ~~and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of~~  
1367 ~~State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing~~

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1368 ~~board shall file a separate incident report with the Department~~  
1369 ~~of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying~~  
1370 ~~any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.~~  
1371 ~~If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not~~  
1372 ~~part of the voting system and the ballots have already been~~  
1373 ~~processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not~~  
1374 ~~required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating~~  
1375 ~~equipment again.~~

1376 ~~(b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~  
1377 ~~recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the~~  
1378 ~~counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of~~  
1379 ~~the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall~~  
1380 ~~election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall~~  
1381 ~~election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the~~  
1382 ~~counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct~~  
1383 ~~and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.~~

1384 ~~(c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in~~  
1385 ~~formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial~~  
1386 ~~returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,~~  
1387 ~~state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns~~  
1388 ~~shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any~~  
1389 ~~primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after~~  
1390 ~~any general election in which a recount was ordered by the~~  
1391 ~~Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to~~  
1392 ~~complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the~~

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1393 ~~deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the~~  
1394 ~~canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial~~  
1395 ~~returns and the submission shall also include a detailed~~  
1396 ~~explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.~~  
1397 ~~However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount~~  
1398 ~~prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount~~  
1399 ~~prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in~~  
1400 ~~accordance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

1401 ~~(d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules~~  
1402 ~~prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified~~  
1403 ~~voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.~~

1404 (b) (8) The canvassing board may employ such clerical help  
1405 to assist with the work of the board as it deems necessary, with  
1406 at least one member of the board present at all times, until the  
1407 canvass of the returns is completed. The clerical help must  
1408 ~~shall~~ be paid from the same fund as inspectors and other  
1409 necessary election officials.

1410 (c) The canvassing board shall publish notice of the  
1411 system validation review, including the date, time, and place  
1412 such review will occur, on the county website as provided in s.  
1413 50.0311, on the supervisor of elections' website, or once in one  
1414 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which  
1415 the review will occur. Such review is open to the public.

1416 (d) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in  
1417 formats provided by the division a vote validation report to the

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1418 department for each federal, state, or multicounty office or  
1419 ballot measure in accordance with paragraph (5)(b). If the  
1420 canvassing board is unable to complete the system validation  
1421 review by the deadline, the vote validation report submitted by  
1422 the canvassing board must be identical to the initial unofficial  
1423 returns and the submission must also include a detailed  
1424 explanation of the reason the board was unable to timely  
1425 complete the system validation review. However, the canvassing  
1426 board shall complete the system validation review prescribed in  
1427 this subsection, and certify official election returns, in  
1428 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

1429 (e) The department shall adopt detailed rules prescribing  
1430 additional system validation review procedures for each  
1431 certified voting system, which must be uniform to the extent  
1432 practicable.

1433 (7)-(9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate  
1434 member of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must  
1435 wear identification badges during any period in which the county  
1436 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other  
1437 official duties. The identification badges must ~~should~~ be worn  
1438 in a conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of  
1439 the individual and his or her official position.

1440 (8)-(10)(a) The supervisor shall file a report with the  
1441 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later  
1442 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission

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1443 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe  
1444 all of the following:

1445 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct  
1446 level, at a counting location, or within computer and  
1447 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, or  
1448 issues encountered with any state approved election system,  
1449 including, but not limited to, vote tabulation systems and  
1450 automated independent vote validation processes, and the steps  
1451 that were taken to address the malfunctions.

1452 2. All election definition errors that were discovered  
1453 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken  
1454 to address the errors.

1455 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing  
1456 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken  
1457 to address the errors or problems.

1458 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by  
1459 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the  
1460 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during  
1461 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to  
1462 correct such issues.

1463 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment  
1464 were insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.

1465 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or  
1466 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

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1467 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional  
1468 information on any of the items required to be included in the  
1469 report pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the  
1470 supervisor must notify the division that new information has  
1471 been discovered no later than the next business day after the  
1472 discovery, and the supervisor must file an amended report signed  
1473 by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of the election  
1474 within 10 days after the discovery.

1475 (c) Such reports must be maintained on file in the  
1476 Division of Elections and must be available for public  
1477 inspection.

1478 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election  
1479 reports to determine what problems may be likely to occur in  
1480 other elections and disseminate such information, along with  
1481 possible solutions and training, to the supervisors of  
1482 elections.

1483 (e) For the general election, the department shall submit  
1484 the analysis of these reports for the post-general ~~general~~  
1485 election report ~~as part of the consolidated reports~~ required  
1486 under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor, the President of  
1487 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
1488 February 15 of each year following a general election.

1489 ~~(11) The supervisor shall file with the department a copy~~  
1490 ~~of or an export file from the results database of the county's~~  
1491 ~~voting system and other statistical information as may be~~

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1492 ~~required by the department, the Legislature, or the Election~~  
1493 ~~Assistance Commission. The department shall adopt rules~~  
1494 ~~establishing the required content and acceptable formats for the~~  
1495 ~~filings and time for filings.~~

1496 **Section 29. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1497 **to read:**

1498 102.166 Manual review ~~recounts~~ of overvotes and undervotes  
1499 in contests.-

1500 (1) If the vote tabulation system indicates and automated  
1501 independent vote validation process conducted under ss. 101.591  
1502 and 102.141 confirms second set of unofficial returns pursuant  
1503 ~~to s. 102.141 indicates~~ that a candidate for any office was  
1504 defeated or eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of  
1505 the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention  
1506 to a judicial office was retained or not retained by one-quarter  
1507 of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question of  
1508 retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was  
1509 approved or rejected by one-quarter of a percent or less of the  
1510 votes cast on such measure, a manual review ~~recount~~ of the  
1511 overvotes and undervotes cast in the entire geographic  
1512 jurisdiction of such office or ballot measure must ~~shall~~ be  
1513 ordered and conducted in a manner consistent with s. 102.141(6)  
1514 unless:

1515 (a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated  
1516 from contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the

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1517 votes cast for such office request in writing that a manual  
1518 review ~~recount~~ not be made; or

1519 (b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than  
1520 the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the  
1521 election.

1522  
1523 The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering manual  
1524 reviews of all ~~a manual recount for~~ federal, state, and  
1525 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or local board  
1526 responsible for certifying the election is responsible for  
1527 ordering a manual review ~~recount~~ for all other races. A manual  
1528 review ~~recount~~ consists of a review by a designee of the  
1529 canvassing board ~~recount~~ of paper ~~marksense~~ ballots or of  
1530 digital images from an independent vote validation system, if  
1531 applicable ~~of those ballots by a person.~~

1532 (2) Any hardware or software used to identify and sort  
1533 overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must  
1534 be certified by the Department of State. Any such hardware or  
1535 software must be capable of simultaneously identifying and  
1536 sorting overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while  
1537 simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes and undervotes must be  
1538 identified and sorted while conducting the automated independent  
1539 vote validation process ~~recounting ballots~~ pursuant to s.  
1540 102.141. Overvotes and undervotes must ~~may~~ be identified and  
1541 sorted physically or digitally.

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1542 (3) Any manual review must ~~recount shall~~ be open to the  
1543 public. Each political party may designate one person with  
1544 expertise in the computer field who must be allowed in the  
1545 central counting room when the manual review is being conducted  
1546 and when the official votes are being counted. The designee may  
1547 not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

1548 (4) (a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure must ~~shall~~  
1549 be counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the  
1550 voter has made a definite choice.

1551 (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for  
1552 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified  
1553 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication  
1554 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The  
1555 rules must ~~shall~~ be consistent, to the extent practicable, and  
1556 may not:

1557 1. Authorize the use of any electronic or  
1558 electromechanical reading device to review a hybrid voting  
1559 system ballot that is produced using a voter interface device  
1560 and that contains both machine-readable fields and machine-  
1561 printed text of the contest titles and voter selections, unless  
1562 the printed text is illegible;

1563 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark  
1564 or designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

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1565           3. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify  
1566 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication  
1567 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1568           (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must  
1569 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

1570           1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a  
1571 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or  
1572 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to  
1573 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

1574           2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or  
1575 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a  
1576 similar name.

1577           3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or  
1578 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar  
1579 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as  
1580 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the  
1581 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle  
1582 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,  
1583 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation  
1584 of a political party.

1585           4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified  
1586 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which  
1587 the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the  
1588 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or  
1589 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

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1590 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a  
1591 candidate is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political  
1592 party to which the candidate does not belong, including those in  
1593 which the party designated has another candidate in the race or  
1594 does not have a candidate in the race.

1595 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,  
1596 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that  
1597 the same political party designation applies to all listed  
1598 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed  
1599 ballot measures.

1600 7. Situations in which an elector designates the name of a  
1601 qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

1602 8. Situations in which an elector designates an otherwise  
1603 correct office name that includes an incorrect district number.

1604 (5) Procedures for a manual review ~~recount~~ are as follows:

1605 (a) The county canvassing board shall appoint as many  
1606 counting teams of at least two electors as is necessary to  
1607 manually review ~~recount~~ the ballots. A counting team must have,  
1608 when possible, members of at least two political parties. A  
1609 candidate involved in the race may ~~shall~~ not be a member of the  
1610 counting team.

1611 (b) Each duplicate ballot prepared pursuant to s.  
1612 101.5614(4) or s. 102.141(6) must ~~s. 102.141(7) shall~~ be  
1613 compared with the original ballot to ensure the correctness of  
1614 the duplicate.

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1615 (c) If a counting team is unable to determine whether the  
1616 ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made a  
1617 definite choice, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be presented to the  
1618 county canvassing board for a determination.

1619 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules  
1620 prescribing additional review ~~recount~~ procedures for each  
1621 certified voting system which must ~~shall~~ be uniform to the  
1622 extent practicable. The rules must, at a minimum, ~~shall~~ address,  
1623 ~~at a minimum,~~ the following areas:

- 1624 1. Security of ballots during the manual review ~~recount~~  
1625 process. ~~;~~
- 1626 2. Time and place of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~
- 1627 3. Public observance of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~
- 1628 4. Objections to ballot determinations. ~~;~~
- 1629 5. Record of manual review ~~recount~~ proceedings. ~~;~~
- 1630 6. Procedures relating to candidate and petitioner  
1631 representatives. ~~;~~ ~~and~~
- 1632 7. Procedures relating to the certification and the use of  
1633 automatic tabulating equipment that is not part of a voting  
1634 system.

1635 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county canvassing  
1636 board or local board involved in the manual review ~~recount~~ from  
1637 comparing a digital image of a ballot to the corresponding  
1638 physical paper ballot during a manual review ~~recount~~.

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1639           **Section 30. Effective July 1, 2026, section 104.042,**  
1640 **Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

1641           104.042 Limitations on actions for election fraud.—A  
1642 prosecution for a felony violation under the Election Code must  
1643 be commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is  
1644 committed.

1645           **Section 31. Section 104.0616, Florida Statutes, is**  
1646 **repealed.**

1647           **Section 32. Section 30. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph**  
1648 **(a) of subsection (12) of section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is**  
1649 **amended, paragraphs (c) through (g) are added to that**  
1650 **subsection, and paragraph (b) of that subsection is reenacted,**  
1651 **to read:**

1652           106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

1653           (12) (a)1. For purposes of this subsection, the term  
1654 "foreign national" means:

- 1655           a. A foreign government;
- 1656           b. A foreign political party;
- 1657           c. A foreign corporation, partnership, association,  
1658 organization, or other combination of persons organized under  
1659 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a  
1660 foreign country;
- 1661           d. A person with foreign citizenship; or

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1662 e. A person who is not a citizen or national of the United  
1663 States and is not lawfully admitted to the United States for  
1664 permanent residence.

1665 2. The term does not include:

1666 a. A person who is a dual citizen or dual national of the  
1667 United States and a foreign country.

1668 b. A domestic subsidiary of a foreign corporation,  
1669 partnership, association, organization, or other combination of  
1670 persons organized under the laws of or having its principal  
1671 place of business in a foreign country if:

1672 (I) The donations and disbursements used toward a  
1673 contribution or an expenditure are derived entirely from funds  
1674 generated by the subsidiary's operations in the United States;  
1675 and

1676 (II) All decisions concerning donations and disbursements  
1677 used toward a contribution or an expenditure are made by  
1678 individuals who either hold United States citizenship or are  
1679 permanent residents of the United States. For purposes of this  
1680 sub-sub-subparagraph, decisions concerning donations and  
1681 disbursements do not include decisions regarding the  
1682 subsidiary's overall budget for contributions or expenditures in  
1683 connection with an election or decisions regarding the  
1684 subsidiary's support or opposition of an issue in this state.

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1685 (b) A foreign national may not make or offer to make,  
1686 directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in  
1687 connection with any election held in the state.

1688 (c) A political party, a political committee, an  
1689 electioneering communications organization, or a candidate may  
1690 not knowingly and willfully accept or solicit, directly or  
1691 indirectly, a contribution from a foreign national in connection  
1692 with any election held in this state.

1693 (d) A person, acting either alone or jointly with,  
1694 through, or on behalf of another person, who has knowingly and  
1695 willfully received monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from  
1696 one or more foreign nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding  
1697 \$100,000 over the preceding 4 years, may not make a contribution  
1698 or independent expenditure:

1699 1. To a political committee supporting or opposing an  
1700 issue in this state; or

1701 2. In support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1702 (e) A political committee supporting or opposing an issue  
1703 in this state may not knowingly and willfully accept  
1704 contributions from a person, acting either alone or jointly  
1705 with, through, or on behalf of another person, who has received  
1706 monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more foreign  
1707 nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding \$100,000 over the  
1708 preceding 4 years.

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1709 (f) For purposes of compliance with subsections (d) and  
1710 (e), monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more  
1711 foreign nationals received by a domestic subsidiary who meets  
1712 the requirements of subparagraph (a)2. shall not count towards  
1713 the \$100,000 aggregate threshold provided in subsections (d) and  
1714 (e), as long as the monetary or in-kind donations or gifts  
1715 received are not used for political activity by the domestic  
1716 subsidiary.

1717 (g) A person or entity who violates this subsection  
1718 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
1719 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall also be subject  
1720 to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount contributed.  
1721 Such penalty shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund. Any  
1722 penalty imposed against a person that is not an individual  
1723 jointly and severally attaches to the chair of the entity if the  
1724 entity does not pay the penalty within 30 days. The Florida  
1725 Elections Commission shall be responsible for determining  
1726 violations, imposing civil penalties, and collecting any unpaid  
1727 civil penalties. The Florida Elections Commission shall report  
1728 any violations of this subsection to the Office of Election  
1729 Crimes and Security to include in the department's report under  
1730 s. 97.022.

1731 **Section 33. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created**  
1732 **to read:**

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1733 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver  
1734 licenses and identification cards.—

1735 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida  
1736 identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a  
1737 United States citizen as last recorded in the system must  
1738 include the legal status of United States citizen on the license  
1739 or card at the time of issuance, renewal, or replacement.

1740 (2) Notwithstanding this chapter, the department shall  
1741 issue, at no charge, a renewal or replacement license or card if  
1742 a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status  
1743 upon becoming a citizen of the United States as required in s.  
1744 322.19.

1745 **Section 34. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph (d) of**  
1746 **subsection (8) of section 895.02, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1747 **to read:**

1748 895.02 Definitions.—As used in ss. 895.01–895.08, the  
1749 term:

1750 (8) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to  
1751 commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or  
1752 intimidate another person to commit:

1753 (d) ~~Any A violation of chapter 104 the Florida Election~~  
1754 ~~Code relating to irregularities or fraud involving issue~~  
1755 ~~petition activities.~~

1756 **Section 35. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 98.065,**  
1757 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

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1758 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

1759 (5) A notice may not be issued pursuant to this section  
1760 and a voter's name may not be removed from the statewide voter  
1761 registration system later than 90 days prior to the date of a  
1762 federal election. However, this section does not preclude the  
1763 correction of registration records based on information  
1764 submitted by the voter or removal of the name of a voter from  
1765 the statewide voter registration system at any time upon the  
1766 voter's written request, by reason of the voter's death, or upon  
1767 a determination of the voter's ineligibility as provided in s.  
1768 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~.

1769 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual  
1770 review of voter registration records to identify registration  
1771 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may  
1772 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those  
1773 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has  
1774 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the  
1775 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant  
1776 to s. 98.075(7) ~~s. 98.075(6)~~ and (8) ~~(7)~~.

1777 **Section 36. Section 98.0755, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1778 **to read:**

1779 98.0755 Appeal of determination of ineligibility.—Appeal  
1780 of the supervisor's determination of ineligibility pursuant to  
1781 s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ may be taken to the circuit court in  
1782 and for the county where the person was registered. Notice of

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1783 appeal must be filed within the time and in the manner provided  
1784 by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and acts as  
1785 supersedeas. Trial in the circuit court is de novo and governed  
1786 by the rules of that court. Unless the person can show that his  
1787 or her name was erroneously or illegally removed from the  
1788 statewide voter registration system, or that he or she is  
1789 indigent, the person must bear the costs of the trial in the  
1790 circuit court. Otherwise, the cost of the appeal must be paid by  
1791 the supervisor of elections.

1792 **Section 37. Paragraph (g) of subsection (14) of section**  
1793 **100.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1794 100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

1795 (14)

1796 (g) On the last day of each month, or on the last day of  
1797 each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through  
1798 February 1 of the following year, each supervisor shall post on  
1799 his or her website the total number of signatures submitted, the  
1800 total number of invalid signatures, the total number of  
1801 signatures processed, and the aggregate number of verified valid  
1802 signatures and the distribution of such signatures by  
1803 congressional district for each proposed amendment proposed by  
1804 initiative, along with the following information specific to the  
1805 reporting period: the total number of signed petition forms  
1806 received, the total number of signatures verified, the  
1807 distribution of verified valid signatures by congressional

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1808 district, and the total number of verified petition forms  
1809 forwarded to the Secretary of State. For any reporting period in  
1810 which the percentage of petition forms deemed invalid by the  
1811 supervisor exceeds a total of 25 percent of the petition forms  
1812 received by the supervisor for that reporting period, the  
1813 supervisor shall notify the Office of Election Crimes and  
1814 Security. The Office of Election Crimes and Security shall  
1815 conduct a preliminary investigation into the activities of the  
1816 sponsor, one or more petition circulators, or a person  
1817 collecting petition forms on behalf of a sponsor, to determine  
1818 whether the invalidated petitions are a result of fraud or any  
1819 other violation of this section. As authorized by s. 97.012(15)  
1820 ~~ss. 97.012(15) and 97.022(1)~~, the Office of Elections Crimes and  
1821 Security may, if warranted, report findings to the statewide  
1822 prosecutor or the state attorney for the judicial circuit in  
1823 which the alleged violation occurred for prosecution.

1824 **Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
1825 **101.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1826 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for  
1827 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.—

1828 (1)

1829 (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections  
1830 shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person  
1831 to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~  
1832 ~~98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final determination of eligibility has

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1833 not been made, and shall treat them as provisional ballots for  
 1834 individual review by the county canvassing board. The supervisor  
 1835 shall attempt to contact each voter whose ballot has been set  
 1836 aside under this paragraph in the same manner as if the voter  
 1837 had voted a provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

1838 **Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 104.16, Florida**  
 1839 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1840 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.—

1841 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom  
 1842 notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ and  
 1843 who votes a provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a  
 1844 final determination of eligibility is made.

1845 **Section 40. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**  
 1846 **921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1847 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity  
 1848 ranking chart.—

1849 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

1850 (a) LEVEL 1

1851

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
24.118(3)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit or altered state lottery ticket.

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1854	<del>104.0616(2)</del>	3rd	<del>Unlawfully distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or possessing vote-by-mail ballots.</del>
1855	212.054(2)(b)	3rd	Discretionary sales surtax; limitations, administration, and collection.
1856	212.15(2)(b)	3rd	Failure to remit sales taxes, amount \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
1857	316.1935(1)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer.
1858	319.30(5)	3rd	Sell, exchange, give away certificate of title or identification number plate.
1859	319.35(1)(a)	3rd	Tamper, adjust, change, etc., an odometer.
	320.26(1)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit, manufacture, or

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1860			sell registration license plates or validation stickers.
1861	322.212 (1) (a) - (c)	3rd	Possession of forged, stolen, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver license; possession of simulated identification.
1862	322.212 (4)	3rd	Supply or aid in supplying unauthorized driver license or identification card.
1863	322.212 (5) (a)	3rd	False application for driver license or identification card.
1864	414.39 (3) (a)	3rd	Fraudulent misappropriation of public assistance funds by employee/official, value more than \$200.
	443.071 (1)	3rd	False statement or representation to obtain or increase reemployment assistance benefits.

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1865	509.151(1)	3rd	Defraud an innkeeper, food or lodging value \$1,000 or more.
1866	517.302(1)	3rd	Violation of the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act.
1867	713.69	3rd	Tenant removes property upon which lien has accrued, value \$1,000 or more.
1868	812.014(3)(c)	3rd	Petit theft (3rd conviction); theft of any property not specified in subsection (2).
1869	815.04(4)(a)	3rd	Offense against intellectual property (i.e., computer programs, data).
1870	817.52(2)	3rd	Hiring with intent to defraud, motor vehicle services.
1871	817.569(2)	3rd	Use of public record or public records information or

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1872			providing false information to facilitate commission of a felony.
1873	826.01	3rd	Bigamy.
1874	828.122 (3)	3rd	Fighting or baiting animals.
1875	831.04 (1)	3rd	Any erasure, alteration, etc., of any replacement deed, map, plat, or other document listed in s. 92.28.
1876	831.31 (1) (a)	3rd	Sell, deliver, or possess counterfeit controlled substances, all but s. 893.03(5) drugs.
1877	832.041 (1)	3rd	Stopping payment with intent to defraud \$150 or more.
	832.05 (2) (b) & (4) (c)	3rd	Knowing, making, issuing worthless checks \$150 or more or obtaining property in return for worthless check \$150 or

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1878			more.
1879	838.15 (2)	3rd	Commercial bribe receiving.
1880	838.16	3rd	Commercial bribery.
1881	843.18	3rd	Fleeing by boat to elude a law enforcement officer.
1882	847.011 (1) (a)	3rd	Sell, distribute, etc., obscene, lewd, etc., material (2nd conviction).
1883	849.09 (1) (a) - (d)	3rd	Lottery; set up, promote, etc., or assist therein, conduct or advertise drawing for prizes, or dispose of property or money by means of lottery.
1884	849.23	3rd	Gambling-related machines; "common offender" as to property rights.
1885	849.25 (2)	3rd	Engaging in bookmaking.

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1886	860.08	3rd	Interfere with a railroad signal.
1887	860.13(1) (a)	3rd	Operate aircraft while under the influence.
1888	893.13(2) (a)2.	3rd	Purchase of cannabis.
1889	893.13(6) (a)	3rd	Possession of cannabis (more than 20 grams).
1890	934.03(1) (a)	3rd	Intercepts, or procures any other person to intercept, any wire or oral communication.

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1893  
1894     Remove lines 3-174 and insert:  
1895     repealing s. 97.022, F.S., relating to the Office of  
1896     Election Crimes and Security; repealing s. 97.0291,  
1897     F.S., relating to the prohibition on use of private  
1898     funds for election-related expenses; amending s.  
1899     97.051, F.S.; requiring persons to swear or affirm  
1900     they have reviewed the voter registration

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1901 instructions, are a United States citizen, and  
1902 understand the penalties for providing false  
1903 information; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; requiring the  
1904 voter registration application to elicit documentation  
1905 required by the United States Election Assistance  
1906 Commission or federal law; amending s. 97.0525, F.S.;  
1907 requiring that an applicant's citizenship status be  
1908 verified by the records of the Department of Highway  
1909 Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that an applicant  
1910 will be registered as an unverified voter, but may not  
1911 vote, if his or her legal status as a United States  
1912 citizen cannot be verified through the Department of  
1913 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the  
1914 online voter registration system to transmit certain  
1915 information to the supervisor of elections and  
1916 generate certain notices; requiring the supervisor of  
1917 elections to verify the legal status of certain  
1918 applicants and provide certain notice; providing that,  
1919 under specified circumstances, the online voter  
1920 registration system may populate the applicant's  
1921 information into a printable voter registration  
1922 application; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring an  
1923 applicant's legal status to be verified for a voter  
1924 registration application to be valid; providing that  
1925 an applicant will be deemed an unverified voter if his

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1926 or her application fails to meet specified  
1927 requirements; requiring an applicant to provide  
1928 certain evidence to the supervisor of elections to  
1929 prove the applicant's legal status under specified  
1930 circumstances; providing for retroactivity; providing  
1931 certain applicants a provisional ballot and such  
1932 ballot may only be counted if the applicant can verify  
1933 his or her legal status within a specified timeframe;  
1934 amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
1935 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide the  
1936 Department of State documentary proof of an  
1937 applicant's citizenship; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.;  
1938 requiring third-party voter registration organizations  
1939 to register with the division; removing provisions  
1940 relating to registration expiration, registration  
1941 forms, receipts, civil fines, and criminal penalties;  
1942 amending s. 98.015, F.S.; authorizing the office of  
1943 the supervisor of elections to close to observe  
1944 certain holidays under a specified condition; amending  
1945 s. 98.045, F.S.; requiring supervisors to make certain  
1946 determinations relating to applicants who were  
1947 previously registered to vote, but later removed for  
1948 ineligibility, and to follow specified procedures to  
1949 notify the applicant, if applicable; amending s.  
1950 98.075, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to

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1951 verify the United States citizenship status of any  
1952 registered voter after a specified date; requiring  
1953 specified notices regarding an applicant's potential  
1954 ineligibility to vote; requiring certain applicants to  
1955 submit specified information to the supervisor of  
1956 elections; requiring certain documentation be recorded  
1957 in the statewide voter registration system; amending  
1958 s. 98.093, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway  
1959 Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide the Department of  
1960 State with information identifying United States  
1961 citizens who have been issued a new, renewed, or  
1962 replacement Florida driver license or Florida  
1963 identification card; requiring the Department of  
1964 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide the  
1965 Department of State with changes in residence address  
1966 and Florida driver license or identification card  
1967 numbers of individuals who have declined to register  
1968 or update their voter registration; creating s.  
1969 98.094, F.S.; requiring the Division of Elections to  
1970 provide a list of registered voters to federal courts  
1971 for a specified purpose; requiring the jury  
1972 coordinator to prepare a specified list with certain  
1973 information and send such list to the division;  
1974 specifying the manner in which such list may be sent;  
1975 requiring the division to provide such information to

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1976 the appropriate supervisor of elections; amending s.  
1977 99.021, F.S.; specifying that a person seeking to  
1978 qualify for office as a candidate must be a registered  
1979 member of a political party, or registered without any  
1980 party affiliation, for 365 consecutive days preceding  
1981 the beginning of the qualifying before an election;  
1982 authorizing qualified candidates or certain political  
1983 parties to challenge compliance with specified  
1984 provisions by filing an action for declaratory and  
1985 injunctive relief in a specified circuit court;  
1986 prohibiting a person from being qualified as a  
1987 candidate for nomination or election and appearing on  
1988 the ballot under specified circumstances; providing  
1989 that compliance with specified requirements is  
1990 mandatory; entitling certain candidates and political  
1991 parties to specified expedited hearings and  
1992 consideration; requiring the supervisor of elections  
1993 to remove certain candidates from the ballot or  
1994 provide certain notice that votes for certain  
1995 disqualified candidates will not be counted; repealing  
1996 s. 101.019, F.S., relating to ranked-choice voting;  
1997 amending s. 101.043, F.S.; revising the forms of  
1998 identification required to be provided at polls;  
1999 amending ss. 101.048, 101.151, 101.5606, 101.5608, and  
2000 101.5612, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made

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2001 by the act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; requiring  
2002 voting be completed on an official ballot using a pen  
2003 or marker; amending s. 101.591, F.S.; removing  
2004 provisions relating to the performance of a manual  
2005 audit; requiring the county canvassing board or other  
2006 local board responsible for certifying an election to  
2007 conduct an automated, independent vote validation of  
2008 voting systems used in all precincts; providing the  
2009 process for conducting such automated, independent  
2010 vote validation; requiring the canvassing board to  
2011 publish a specified notice on the county's website,  
2012 the supervisor's website, or in certain newspapers;  
2013 requiring that the vote validation be completed and  
2014 made public before the certification of the election;  
2015 providing reporting requirements for county canvassing  
2016 boards; requiring the results of the vote validation  
2017 be included in a specified report submitted to the  
2018 Governor and Legislature by a specified date each  
2019 year; amending s. 101.5911, F.S.; requiring the  
2020 Department of State to adopt certain rules; amending  
2021 s. 101.595, F.S.; revising certain reporting  
2022 requirements for the Department of State; amending ss.  
2023 101.68 and 101.6923, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
2024 changes made by the act; amending s. 102.111, F.S.;

2025 revising the meeting time for the Elections Canvassing

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2026 Commission; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; revising  
2027 provisions relating to reporting election results;  
2028 requiring counties to conduct an automated independent  
2029 vote validation process for a specified purpose within  
2030 a specified timeframe after unofficial results are  
2031 reported; requiring the county canvassing board to  
2032 take specified actions upon making a determination  
2033 that the automated independent vote validation process  
2034 failed to count votes; requiring the county canvassing  
2035 board to conduct a system validation review under  
2036 specified circumstances; removing provisions relating  
2037 to recounts by the county canvassing board; requiring  
2038 the county canvassing board to publish certain notice  
2039 containing manual review information through specified  
2040 means; requiring the county canvassing board to submit  
2041 to the Department of State specified forms containing  
2042 a vote validation report; removing the requirement for  
2043 the supervisor to file with the Department of State  
2044 certain results and statistical information; amending  
2045 s. 102.166, F.S.; requiring manual reviews of  
2046 overvotes and undervotes unless certain conditions  
2047 exist; providing that the Secretary of State is  
2048 responsible for ordering such review in specified  
2049 races and the county canvassing board, or local board  
2050 responsible for certifying the election, is

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2051 responsible for ordering such reviews in all other  
2052 races; authorizing political parties to designate a  
2053 certain expert to be allowed in the central counting  
2054 room while reviews are being performed; prohibiting  
2055 such person from interfering with the normal operation  
2056 of the canvassing board; creating s. 104.042, F.S.;  
2057 providing a statute of limitations period for election  
2058 fraud; repealing s. 104.0616, F.S., relating to vote-  
2059 by-mail ballots and voting; amending s. 106.08, F.S.;  
2060 revising the contributions or expenditures that a  
2061 foreign national is prohibited from making or offering  
2062 to make; prohibiting certain persons from accepting  
2063 specified contributions; prohibiting certain persons  
2064 from making specified contributions or expenditures;  
2065 providing an exception to such prohibition; providing  
2066 penalties; creating s. 322.034, F.S.; requiring that  
2067 Florida driver licenses and identification cards  
2068 include certain information by a specified date;  
2069 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
2070 Vehicles to issue certain replacement or renewal cards  
2071 at no charge; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the  
2072 definition of the term "racketeering activity";  
2073 amending ss. 98.065, 98.0755, 100.371, 101.67, and  
2074 104.16, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s.

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2075 | 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made  
2076 | by the act; providing effective

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