

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to election integrity; amending s.  
3           97.021, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s.  
4           97.022, F.S.; revising the information the Department  
5           of State is required to include in a specified report;  
6           amending s. 97.051, F.S.; requiring persons to swear  
7           or affirm they have reviewed the voter registration  
8           instructions, are a United States citizen, and  
9           understand the penalties for providing false  
10          information; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; requiring the  
11          voter registration application to elicit documentation  
12          required by the United States Election Assistance  
13          Commission or federal law; amending s. 97.0525, F.S.;  
14          requiring that an applicant's citizenship status be  
15          verified by the records of the Department of Highway  
16          Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that an applicant  
17          will be registered as an unverified voter, but may not  
18          vote, if his or her legal status as a United States  
19          citizen cannot be verified through the Department of  
20          Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the  
21          online voter registration system to transmit certain  
22          information to the supervisor of elections and  
23          generate certain notices; requiring the supervisor of  
24          elections to verify the legal status of certain  
25          applicants and provide certain notice; providing that,

26 | under specified circumstances, the online voter  
27 | registration system may populate the applicant's  
28 | information into a printable voter registration  
29 | application; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring an  
30 | applicant's legal status to be verified for a voter  
31 | registration application to be valid; providing that  
32 | an applicant will be deemed an unverified voter if his  
33 | or her application fails to meet specified  
34 | requirements; requiring an applicant to provide  
35 | certain evidence to the supervisor of elections to  
36 | prove the applicant's legal status under specified  
37 | circumstances; providing for retroactivity; providing  
38 | certain applicants a provisional ballot and such  
39 | ballot may only be counted if the applicant can verify  
40 | his or her legal status within a specified timeframe;  
41 | amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
42 | Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide the  
43 | Department of State documentary proof of an  
44 | applicant's citizenship; amending s. 98.015, F.S.;;  
45 | authorizing the office of the supervisor of elections  
46 | to close to observe certain holidays under a specified  
47 | condition; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; requiring  
48 | supervisors to make certain determinations relating to  
49 | applicants who were previously registered to vote, but  
50 | later removed for ineligibility, and to follow

51 | specified procedures to notify the applicant, if  
52 | applicable; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; requiring the  
53 | Department of State to verify the United States  
54 | citizenship status of any registered voter after a  
55 | specified date; requiring specified notices regarding  
56 | an applicant's potential ineligibility to vote;  
57 | requiring certain applicants to submit specified  
58 | information to the supervisor of elections; requiring  
59 | certain documentation be recorded in the statewide  
60 | voter registration system; amending s. 98.093, F.S.;  
61 | requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
62 | Vehicles to provide the Department of State with  
63 | information identifying United States citizens who  
64 | have been issued a new, renewed, or replacement  
65 | Florida driver license or Florida identification card;  
66 | requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
67 | Vehicles to provide the Department of State with  
68 | changes in residence address and Florida driver  
69 | license or identification card numbers of individuals  
70 | who have declined to register or update their voter  
71 | registration; creating s. 98.094, F.S.; requiring the  
72 | Division of Elections to provide a list of registered  
73 | voters to federal courts for a specified purpose;  
74 | requiring the jury coordinator to prepare a specified  
75 | list with certain information and send such list to

76 | the division; specifying the manner in which such list  
77 | may be sent; requiring the division to provide such  
78 | information to the appropriate supervisor of  
79 | elections; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; specifying that a  
80 | person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate  
81 | must be a registered member of a political party, or  
82 | registered without any party affiliation, for 365  
83 | consecutive days preceding the beginning of the  
84 | qualifying before an election; authorizing qualified  
85 | candidates or certain political parties to challenge  
86 | compliance with specified provisions by filing an  
87 | action for declaratory and injunctive relief in a  
88 | specified circuit court; prohibiting a person from  
89 | being qualified as a candidate for nomination or  
90 | election and appearing on the ballot under specified  
91 | circumstances; providing that compliance with  
92 | specified requirements is mandatory; entitling certain  
93 | candidates and political parties to specified  
94 | expedited hearings and consideration; requiring the  
95 | supervisor of elections to remove certain candidates  
96 | from the ballot or provide certain notice that votes  
97 | for certain disqualified candidates will not be  
98 | counted; amending s. 101.043, F.S.; revising the forms  
99 | of identification required to be provided at polls;  
100 | amending ss. 101.048, 101.151, 101.5606, 101.5608, and

101 101.5612, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
102 by the act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; requiring  
103 voting be completed on an official ballot using a pen  
104 or marker; amending s. 101.591, F.S.; removing  
105 provisions relating to the performance of a manual  
106 audit; requiring the county canvassing board or other  
107 local board responsible for certifying an election to  
108 conduct an automated, independent vote validation of  
109 voting systems used in all precincts; providing the  
110 process for conducting such automated, independent  
111 vote validation; requiring the canvassing board to  
112 publish a specified notice on the county's website,  
113 the supervisor's website, or in certain newspapers;  
114 requiring that the vote validation be completed and  
115 made public before the certification of the election;  
116 providing reporting requirements for county canvassing  
117 boards; requiring the results of the vote validation  
118 be included in a specified report submitted to the  
119 Governor and Legislature by a specified date each  
120 year; amending s. 101.5911, F.S.; requiring the  
121 Department of State to adopt certain rules; amending  
122 s. 101.595, F.S.; revising certain reporting  
123 requirements for the Department of State; amending ss.  
124 101.68 and 101.6923, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
125 changes made by the act; amending s. 102.111, F.S.;

126 revising the meeting time for the Elections Canvassing  
127 Commission; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; revising  
128 provisions relating to reporting election results;  
129 requiring counties to conduct an automated independent  
130 vote validation process for a specified purpose within  
131 a specified timeframe after unofficial results are  
132 reported; requiring the county canvassing board to  
133 take specified actions upon making a determination  
134 that the automated independent vote validation process  
135 failed to count votes; requiring the county canvassing  
136 board to conduct a system validation review under  
137 specified circumstances; removing provisions relating  
138 to recounts by the county canvassing board; requiring  
139 the county canvassing board to publish certain notice  
140 containing manual review information through specified  
141 means; requiring the county canvassing board to submit  
142 to the Department of State specified forms containing  
143 a vote validation report; removing the requirement for  
144 the supervisor to file with the Department of State  
145 certain results and statistical information; amending  
146 s. 102.166, F.S.; requiring manual reviews of  
147 overvotes and undervotes unless certain conditions  
148 exist; providing that the Secretary of State is  
149 responsible for ordering such review in specified  
150 races and the county canvassing board, or local board

151 responsible for certifying the election, is  
152 responsible for ordering such reviews in all other  
153 races; authorizing political parties to designate a  
154 certain expert to be allowed in the central counting  
155 room while reviews are being performed; prohibiting  
156 such person from interfering with the normal operation  
157 of the canvassing board; creating s. 104.042, F.S.;  
158 providing a statute of limitations period for election  
159 fraud; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; revising the  
160 contributions or expenditures that a foreign national  
161 is prohibited from making or offering to make;  
162 prohibiting certain persons from accepting specified  
163 contributions; prohibiting certain persons from making  
164 specified contributions or expenditures; providing an  
165 exception to such prohibition; providing penalties;  
166 creating s. 322.034, F.S.; requiring that Florida  
167 driver licenses and identification cards include  
168 certain information by a specified date; requiring the  
169 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
170 issue certain replacement or renewal cards at no  
171 charge; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the  
172 definition of the term "racketeering activity";  
173 amending ss. 98.065, 98.0755, 101.67, and 104.16,  
174 F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing effective  
175 dates.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

**Section 1. Subsections (6), (43), and (47) of section 97.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

(6) "Ballot" means a printed sheet of paper containing contests, including offices and candidates, constitutional amendments, and other public measures upon which a voter's selections will be marked by using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with the voting system, for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data processing equipment that is part of the voting system. The term includes a voter-verifiable paper output upon which a voter's selections are marked by a voter interface device that meets voter accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062 ~~or "official ballot" when used in reference to:~~

~~(a) "Electronic or electromechanical devices" means a ballot that is voted by the process of electronically designating, including by touchscreen, or marking with a marking device for tabulation by automatic tabulating equipment or data processing equipment.~~

~~(b) "Marksense ballots" means that printed sheet of paper,~~



201 ~~used in conjunction with an electronic or electromechanical vote~~  
202 ~~tabulation voting system, containing the names of candidates, or~~  
203 ~~a statement of proposed constitutional amendments or other~~  
204 ~~questions or propositions submitted to the electorate at any~~  
205 ~~election, on which sheet of paper an elector casts his or her~~  
206 ~~vote.~~

207 (43) "Voter interface device" means any device that  
208 communicates voting instructions and ballot information to a  
209 voter and allows the voter to select and vote for candidates and  
210 issues. A voter interface device may not be used to tabulate  
211 votes. Any vote tabulation must be based upon a subsequent scan  
212 of the marked ~~marksense~~ ballot ~~or the voter-verifiable paper~~  
213 ~~output~~ after the voter interface device process has been  
214 completed.

215 (47) "Voting system" means a method of casting and  
216 processing votes that ~~functions wholly or partly by use of~~  
217 ~~electromechanical or electronic apparatus or by use of marksense~~  
218 ~~ballots and includes, but is not limited to, equipment,~~  
219 ~~hardware, firmware, and software; ballots; the~~ procedures for  
220 casting and processing votes; and the programs, operating  
221 manuals, and supplies; and reports, printouts, and other  
222 documentation ~~software~~ necessary for the system's operation.

223 **Section 2. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (7) of**  
224 **section 97.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

225 97.022 Office of Election Crimes and Security; creation;

226 | purpose and duties.—

227 |       (7) By January 15 of each year, the department shall  
228 | submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
229 | and the Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing  
230 | information on investigations of alleged election law violations  
231 | or election irregularities conducted during the prior calendar  
232 | year. The report must include the total number of complaints  
233 | received and independent investigations initiated and the number  
234 | of complaints referred to another agency for further  
235 | investigation or prosecution, including the total number of  
236 | those matters sent to a special officer pursuant to s. 102.091.

237 | The report must include any alleged violations of s.  
238 | 106.08(12)(b), irregularities involving foreign national  
239 | influence, and the department's recommendations to the  
240 | Legislature to mitigate foreign national influence in elections.

241 | For each alleged violation or irregularity investigated, the  
242 | report must include:

243 |       (a) The source of the alleged violation or irregularity;

244 |       (b) The law allegedly violated or the nature of the  
245 | irregularity reported;

246 |       (c) The county in which the alleged violation or  
247 | irregularity occurred;

248 |       (d) Whether the alleged violation or irregularity was  
249 | referred to another agency for further investigation or  
250 | prosecution and, if so, to which agency; and

251 (e) The current status of the investigation or resulting  
252 criminal case.

253 **Section 3. Section 97.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to**  
254 **read:**

255 97.051 Oath upon registering.—A person registering to vote  
256 must subscribe to the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or  
257 affirm) that I am a United States citizen and will protect and  
258 defend the Constitution of the United States and the  
259 Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to  
260 register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the  
261 State of Florida, and that all information provided in this  
262 application is true. I have carefully reviewed the instructions  
263 for completing the Florida Voter Registration Application. I  
264 understand that if I have provided false information on this  
265 application, I could be subject to criminal penalties for  
266 perjury, fines, or imprisonment, and deportation from the United  
267 States if I am not a United States citizen."

268 **Section 4. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of**  
269 **section 97.052, Florida Statutes, to read:**

270 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

271 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application  
272 must be designed to elicit the following information from the  
273 applicant:

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

**Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

97.0525 Online voter registration.—

(4) (a) The online voter registration system shall compare the Florida driver license number or Florida identification number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with information maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the application are consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen can be verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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

(c) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be

301 | verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and  
302 | Motor Vehicles, ~~or if the applicant indicated that he or she has~~  
303 | ~~not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida~~  
304 | ~~identification card,~~ the online voter registration system shall  
305 | populate the applicant's information except for the applicant's  
306 | personal identifying number into a printable voter registration  
307 | application pursuant to s. 97.052(2) which ~~and direct~~ the  
308 | applicant may ~~to~~ print, complete any required field, sign, and  
309 | date the application and deliver the application to the  
310 | supervisor of elections for disposition pursuant to s. 97.073.

311 | (d)1. If the applicant's legal status as a United States  
312 | citizen cannot be verified by the records of the Department of  
313 | Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the applicant will be  
314 | registered as an unverified voter provided all other  
315 | requirements have been met. The unverified voter will not be  
316 | allowed to vote until he or she has provided sufficient evidence  
317 | of citizenship to the supervisor of elections. The online voter  
318 | registration system must transmit, using the statewide voter  
319 | registration system maintained under s. 98.035, the applicant's  
320 | registration application, along with the digital signature of  
321 | the applicant on file with the Department of Highway Safety and  
322 | Motor Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's  
323 | digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.  
324 | 97.052(2)(q). The system must generate a notice to the  
325 | supervisor of elections and to the applicant which states that

326 the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen cannot  
327 be verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
328 Vehicles and that the applicant must provide to the supervisor  
329 of elections sufficient evidence of his or her United States  
330 citizenship and the supervisor of elections must verify the  
331 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen before the  
332 applicant may vote. Such notice must include a list of documents  
333 acceptable as evidence United States citizenship as set forth in  
334 s. 98.075(6)(c).

335 2. The supervisor of elections shall verify the legal  
336 status of an applicant identified by the Department of Highway  
337 Safety and Motor Vehicle as a person who is potentially not a  
338 United States citizen. If the supervisor determines based on  
339 credible and reliable information that the applicant is  
340 potentially ineligible to vote because he or she is not a United  
341 States citizen, the supervisor must provide notice to the  
342 applicant in accordance with s. 98.075(8). Such notice must  
343 include the list of documents acceptable as evidence of United  
344 States citizenship as set forth in s. 98.075(6)(c).

345 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been  
346 issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card,  
347 or chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to  
348 print, sign, and deliver, the online voter registration system  
349 must populate the applicant's information into a uniform  
350 statewide voter registration application under s. 97.052(2) and

351 direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application  
352 and deliver the application to the supervisor of elections for  
353 disposition under s. 97.073.

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

356 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

357 (2) A voter registration application is complete and  
358 becomes the official voter registration record of that applicant  
359 when all information necessary to establish the applicant's  
360 eligibility under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 97.041 is received by a voter  
361 registration official and verified under ~~pursuant to~~ subsection  
362 (6). Except as provided in subsection (6), if the applicant  
363 fails to complete his or her voter registration application on  
364 or before ~~prior to~~ the date of book closing for an election,  
365 ~~then~~ such applicant is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ eligible to vote in that  
366 election.

367 (6)(a) A voter registration application, including an  
368 application with a change in name, address, or party  
369 affiliation, may be accepted as valid only after the department  
370 has verified the authenticity or nonexistence of the Florida  
371 driver license number, the Florida identification card number,  
372 or the last four digits of the social security number provided  
373 by the applicant and the applicant's legal status as a United  
374 States citizen has been verified or recorded as verified in the  
375 statewide voter registration system. If a completed voter

376 registration application has been received by the book-closing  
377 deadline but the Florida driver license number, the Florida  
378 identification card number, or the last four digits of the  
379 social security number provided by the applicant or the  
380 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen, whichever  
381 is applicable, cannot be verified, the applicant must ~~shall~~ be  
382 notified that ~~the number cannot be verified and that the~~  
383 applicant must provide ~~evidence~~ to the supervisor evidence  
384 sufficient to verify the authenticity of the ~~applicant's driver~~  
385 ~~license number, Florida identification card number, or last four~~  
386 ~~digits of the social security number~~ or provide one of the  
387 documents acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship  
388 set forth s. 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable. An applicant  
389 whose application does not meet the requirements of this  
390 subsection is deemed an unverified voter until the requirements  
391 have been met.

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

395 (c) If the application is to update to the voter's record  
396 with a change in name, address, or party affiliation, whichever  
397 is applicable, the change is retroactive to the date the  
398 application was initially received and the necessary  
399 documentation is verified.

400 (d) If the applicant has not provided the necessary



401 evidence to validate the applicant's number or citizenship as  
 402 required under paragraph (a) before ~~or the number has not~~  
 403 ~~otherwise been verified prior to~~ the applicant appears  
 404 ~~presenting himself or herself to vote,~~ the applicant must ~~shall~~  
 405 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must  
 406 ~~shall~~ be counted pursuant to s. 101.048, only if the requisite  
 407 verification occurs ~~number is verified~~ by the end of the  
 408 canvassing period or if the applicant presents ~~evidence~~ to the  
 409 supervisor of elections evidence sufficient to verify the  
 410 authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver license number,  
 411 Florida identification card number, ~~or~~ last four digits of the  
 412 social security number, or provides one of the documents  
 413 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship set forth s.  
 414 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable, no later than 5 p.m. of  
 415 the second day following the election.

416 **Section 7. Subsections (11) and (13) of section 97.057,**  
 417 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

418 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
 419 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

420 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
 421 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match  
 422 information in the statewide voter registration system with  
 423 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety  
 424 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy  
 425 of a person's Florida ~~the~~ driver license number, Florida

426 identification number, ~~or~~ last four digits of his or her ~~the~~  
 427 social security number, or legal status as a United States  
 428 citizen, as applicable, provided on applications for voter  
 429 registration as required in s. 97.053. The department shall also  
 430 include the documentary proof that the applicant provided in  
 431 support of his or her United States citizenship.

432 (13) Notwithstanding a declination to register or to  
 433 update a voter registration pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)2.,  
 434 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall, in  
 435 accordance with s. 98.093(8), ~~must~~ assist the Department of  
 436 State in ~~regularly~~ identifying changes in residence address or  
 437 number on the Florida driver license or Florida identification  
 438 card of persons who may be voters ~~of a voter.~~ ~~The Department of~~  
 439 ~~State must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor~~  
 440 ~~of elections who must change the voter's registration records in~~  
 441 ~~accordance with s. 98.065(4).~~

442 **Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida**  
 443 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

444 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of  
 445 office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents,  
 446 office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy  
 447 supervisors; duties.—

448 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be  
 449 open Monday through Friday, ~~excluding legal holidays,~~ for a

450 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than  
451 9 a.m.

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

456 **Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida**  
457 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

458 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

459 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—

460 (a) The supervisor shall ~~must~~ ensure that any eligible  
461 applicant for voter registration is registered to vote and that  
462 each application for voter registration is processed in  
463 accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine whether a  
464 voter registration applicant is ineligible to vote based on any  
465 of the following:

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

468 2.(b) The applicant is deceased.

469 3.(e) The applicant has been convicted of a felony for  
470 which his or her voting rights have not been restored.

471 4.(d) The applicant has been adjudicated mentally  
472 incapacitated with respect to the right to vote and such right  
473 has not been restored.

474 5.(e) The applicant does not meet the age requirement

475 pursuant to s. 97.041.

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

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

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

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

484 (b) If the most updated voter registration records show  
485 that a new applicant was previously registered but subsequently  
486 removed from the statewide voter registration system under s.  
487 98.075(8) for ineligibility by reason of a felony conviction  
488 without voting rights restored, adjudication as mentally  
489 incapacitated with respect to voting without voting rights  
490 restored, death, or legal status as not a United States citizen,  
491 the supervisor must, within 13 days after receiving a new  
492 application, verify the current eligibility of the applicant to  
493 register by reviewing any governmental entity document or source  
494 to determine whether the applicant remains ineligible. If the  
495 supervisor determines that the applicant is still ineligible to  
496 vote, the supervisor must deny the application and notify the  
497 applicant pursuant to s. 97.073.

498 **Section 10. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section**  
499 **98.075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),**

500 **(8), and (9), respectively, subsections (4) and (5), present**  
501 **subsection (6), paragraph (a) of present subsection (7), and**  
502 **paragraph (a) of present subsection (8) are amended, and a new**  
503 **subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:**

504 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;  
505 ineligibility determinations.—

506 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department  
507 shall identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated  
508 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not  
509 had their voting rights restored by comparing information  
510 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.  
511 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an  
512 initial determination as to whether the information is credible  
513 and reliable. If the department determines that the information  
514 is credible and reliable, the department must notify the  
515 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation  
516 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be  
517 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has  
518 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the  
519 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
520 subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter from  
521 the statewide voter registration system.

522 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

523 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters  
524 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have

525 | not been restored by comparing information received from, but  
526 | not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of  
527 | Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the  
528 | Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's  
529 | Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review  
530 | such information and make an initial determination as to whether  
531 | the information is credible and reliable. If the department  
532 | determines that the information is credible and reliable, the  
533 | department must notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the  
534 | supporting documentation indicating the potential ineligibility  
535 | of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that  
536 | the department has made a determination of initial credibility  
537 | and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures  
538 | set forth in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a  
539 | registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration  
540 | system.

541 |       (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective  
542 | clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093  
543 | to identify registered voters within their respective  
544 | jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the  
545 | preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.  
546 | The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in  
547 | subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ before the removal of a registered voter's  
548 | name from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes  
549 | of this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (8)

550 ~~(7)~~ begin upon his or her determination that the information  
551 received from the clerk is credible and reliable.

552 (6) CITIZENSHIP.—

553 (a) The Department of State shall verify the citizenship  
554 status of all registered voters whose legal status has not  
555 already been verified as a United States citizen. If the  
556 citizenship status of a registered voter cannot be verified or  
557 the voter record does not indicate that the registered voter's  
558 citizenship is verified, the department must notify the  
559 supervisor of elections who must notify the registered voter.

560 (b) The department shall review the information received  
561 from the Department of Highway Safety under s. 98.093(8) and  
562 make an initial determination as to whether the information and  
563 any other information regarding citizenship is credible and  
564 reliable. If the department determines that the information is  
565 credible and reliable, the department must notify the supervisor  
566 and provide a copy of the supporting documentation indicating  
567 the potential ineligibility of the voter.

568 (c) Upon receipt of the notice under paragraph (a) or  
569 paragraph (b), the supervisor of elections must notify the  
570 registered voter in accordance with subsection (8) that his or  
571 her United States citizenship could not be verified and require  
572 the registered voter to submit evidence sufficient to verify his  
573 or her citizenship status. The notice to the registered voter  
574 must include the following list of documents that will be

- 575 | accepted as evidence of United States citizenship:
- 576 |     1. A current and valid United States passport.
- 577 |     2. A United States birth certificate.
- 578 |     3. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the  
579 | United States Department of State.
- 580 |     4. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida  
581 | identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety  
582 | and Motor Vehicles if such driver license or identification card  
583 | indicates United States citizenship.
- 584 |     5. A naturalization certificate, a certificate of  
585 | citizenship, a certificate number, or an alien registration  
586 | number issued by the United States Department of Homeland  
587 | Security.
- 588 |     6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the  
589 | Federal Government or the government of this state which  
590 | indicates United States citizenship.
- 591 |     7. An order from a federal court granting United States  
592 | citizenship.
- 593 |     (d) If the registered voter's legal name is different than  
594 | the name that appears on one of the documents specified in  
595 | paragraph (c), the applicant must also provide official  
596 | documentation providing proof of a legal name change.
- 597 |     (e) The type of document provided or used to verify  
598 | citizenship must be recorded in the statewide voter registration  
599 | system.



600        (7)~~(6)~~ OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—Subsections (2)~~(6)~~  
601 ~~(2)~~~~(5)~~ do not limit or restrict the department or the  
602 supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,  
603 access to, or knowledge of information from any governmental  
604 entity that identifies a registered voter as potentially  
605 ineligible. If the department or supervisor receives information  
606 from any governmental entity other than those identified in  
607 subsections (2)~~(6)~~ ~~(2)~~~~(5)~~ that a registered voter is  
608 ineligible because the voter is deceased, adjudicated a  
609 convicted felon without having had his or her voting rights  
610 restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had  
611 his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age  
612 requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States  
613 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address that  
614 is not his or her address of legal residence, the supervisor  
615 must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~  
616 before the removal of the name of a registered voter who is  
617 determined to be ineligible from the statewide voter  
618 registration system.

619        (8)~~(7)~~ PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

620        (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information  
621 pursuant to subsections (4)~~(7)~~ ~~(4)~~~~(6)~~, the supervisor of the  
622 county in which the voter is registered must:

623            1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential  
624            ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or

625 information. The notice must include:

626 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's  
627 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon  
628 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation  
629 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined  
630 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as  
631 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

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

636 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to  
637 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the  
638 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by  
639 the supervisor.

640 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy  
641 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
642 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
643 determining eligibility.

644 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the  
645 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is  
646 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

647 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights  
648 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and  
649 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.

650 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony  
651 conviction, if applicable.

652 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
653 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
654 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
655 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
656 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
657 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
658 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
659 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
660 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

661 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the  
662 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned  
663 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general  
664 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered  
665 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.  
666 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by  
667 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

668 a. The voter's name and address.

669 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to  
670 be registered to vote.

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

675 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor  
676 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to  
677 receive information regarding the basis for the potential  
678 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

679 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance  
680 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections  
681 of the county in which the voter is registered.

682 f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of  
683 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
684 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of  
685 determining eligibility.

686 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an  
687 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you  
688 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by  
689 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In  
690 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final  
691 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your  
692 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of  
693 elections office within 2 days after the election and present  
694 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

695 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice  
696 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor  
697 must make a final determination of the voter's eligibility  
698 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to  
699 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is

700 | ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the  
701 | registered voter from the statewide voter registration system  
702 | within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter  
703 | of the supervisor's determination and action.

704 |         4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant  
705 | to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of  
706 | the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the  
707 | supervisor must, as soon as practicable, make a final  
708 | determination of ineligibility and remove the voter's name from  
709 | the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall  
710 | notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination  
711 | and action.

712 |         5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued  
713 | pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the  
714 | accuracy of the information underlying the potential  
715 | ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor  
716 | must review the evidence and make a determination of eligibility  
717 | no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the  
718 | voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is  
719 | ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the  
720 | statewide voter registration system upon such determination and  
721 | notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination  
722 | and action and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a  
723 | determination of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755. If such  
724 | registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor must send

725 notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and  
726 place specified in the notice. The supervisor shall schedule and  
727 issue notice for the hearing within 7 days after receiving the  
728 voter's request for a hearing and shall hold the hearing no  
729 later than 30 days after issuing the notice of the hearing. A  
730 voter may request an extension upon showing good cause by  
731 submitting an affidavit to the supervisor as to why he or she is  
732 unable to attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all  
733 evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a  
734 determination of eligibility within 7 days. If the supervisor  
735 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the  
736 supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter  
737 registration system and notify the registered voter of the  
738 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter  
739 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant  
740 to s. 98.0755.

741 (9)~~(8)~~ CERTIFICATION.—

742 (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the  
743 supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor  
744 has conducted the activities required pursuant to this section  
745 during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year,  
746 respectively. The certification must include the number of  
747 persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to subsection (8)  
748 ~~(7)~~; the number of persons who responded to the notices; the  
749 number of notices returned as undeliverable; the number of

750 notices published in the newspaper, on the county's website, or  
751 on the supervisor's website; the number of hearings conducted;  
752 and the number of persons removed from the statewide voter  
753 registration system and the reasons for such removals.

754 **Section 11. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (9) of**  
755 **section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs**  
756 **(d), (e), and (f) are added to subsection (8) of that section,**  
757 **to read:**

758 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating  
759 to deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,  
760 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United  
761 States citizens.—

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

765 (d) Information identifying those persons who during the  
766 preceding week presented evidence of United States citizenship  
767 upon being issued a new, renewed, or replacement Florida driver  
768 license or Florida identification card. The information must  
769 contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four  
770 digits of his or her social security number, if applicable;  
771 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card  
772 number, if available; the type of documentary proof the person  
773 provided in support of his or her citizenship; and, if  
774 applicable, the person's alien registration number or other

775 legal status identifier.

776 (e) Information identifying a change in residence address  
777 on the Florida driver license or Florida identification card of  
778 any person who declined to register or update his or her voter's  
779 registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The information must  
780 contain the person's name; date of birth; sex; last four digits  
781 of his or her social security number, if available; and Florida  
782 driver license or Florida identification card number in order to  
783 identify a voter's registration record. The Department of State  
784 must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of  
785 elections who must change the voter's registration records in  
786 accordance with s. 98.065(4).

787 (f) Information identifying new, renewed, or replacement  
788 Florida driver license or Florida identification card numbers  
789 issued to persons who declined to register or update his or her  
790 voter's registration record under s. 97.057(2)(b)2. The  
791 information must contain the person's name; date of birth; last  
792 four digits of his or her social security number, if available;  
793 and the person's prior and current Florida driver license or  
794 Florida identification card number in order to identify a  
795 voter's registration record. The Department of State must report  
796 the prior and current Florida driver license or Florida  
797 identification card numbers to the appropriate supervisor of  
798 elections who must update the voter's registration records and  
799 provide notice of the change to the registered voter in the same



800 manner as a change of address made in accordance with s.  
 801 98.065(4).

802 (9) CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or restrict  
 803 the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of,  
 804 access to, or knowledge of official information from these and  
 805 other governmental entities that identify a registered voter as  
 806 potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of the name of  
 807 the registered voter who is determined to be ineligible from the  
 808 statewide voter registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~  
 809 ~~98.075(7)~~.

810 **Section 12. Section 98.094, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 811 **to read:**

812 98.094 Federal jury notice.—

813 (1) The Division of Elections shall provide a list,  
 814 monthly, of registered voters to federal courts for purposes of  
 815 selecting jurors and the jury coordinator must provide the  
 816 division notice regarding any ineligible or potentially  
 817 ineligible voters.

818 (2) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be  
 819 prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially  
 820 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service because  
 821 the person is not a United States citizen, was convicted of a  
 822 felony, is deceased, is not a resident of this state, or is not  
 823 a resident of the county in which such jury service is required.  
 824 The list must be prepared and sent to the division according to

825 the jury summons cycle used by the clerk of court. This section  
826 does not prevent the list from being sent more frequently. The  
827 list prepared by the jury coordinator may be provided by mail,  
828 e-mail, or other electronic means to the division.

829 (3) The jury coordinator shall provide the division with  
830 all of the following information about each disqualified or  
831 potentially disqualified juror:

832 (a) The full name of the juror.

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

834 (c) Telephone number, if available.

835 (d) Date of birth.

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

837 (4) The division shall provide the information received  
838 under subsection (3) to the appropriate supervisor of elections  
839 in the county of residence of the disqualified juror in order  
840 for the supervisor to initiate address list maintenance under s.  
841 98.065 or eligibility maintenance under s. 98.075(8), as  
842 applicable.

843 **Section 13. Effective upon becoming a law, paragraphs (b)**  
844 **and (c) of subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes,**  
845 **are amended, and paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) are added to that**  
846 **subsection, to read:**

847 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

848 (1)

849 (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for  
850 nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the  
851 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in  
852 writing:

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

854 2. That the person has been a registered member of the  
855 political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a  
856 candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the  
857 beginning of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election  
858 for which the person seeks to qualify.

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

862 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office  
863 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of  
864 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he  
865 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he  
866 or she has not been a registered member of any political party  
867 for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the beginning  
868 of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election for which  
869 the person seeks to qualify.

870 (f) A qualified candidate or a political party with a  
871 qualified candidate in the same race may challenge the accuracy  
872 of the content of the statement in a candidate's oath or  
873 affirmation appearing in subparagraph (a)1. that the person

874 seeking to qualify as a candidate for nomination or election is  
875 qualified under the State Constitution to hold the office to  
876 which he or she desires to be nominated or elected by filing an  
877 action for declaratory and injunctive relief in the circuit  
878 court for the county in which the qualifying officer is  
879 headquartered. A person may not be qualified as a candidate for  
880 nomination or election and his or her name may not appear on the  
881 ballot if in an order that has become final, the court  
882 determines that the person seeking to qualify as a candidate for  
883 nomination or election is not qualified under the State  
884 Constitution to hold the office to which he or she desires to be  
885 nominated or elected.

886 (g) The statements in subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c)  
887 constitute substantive requirements for the person completing  
888 the statement, and compliance with those requirements is  
889 mandatory. The sole method to enforce compliance with such  
890 requirements is contained in this paragraph. Compliance with  
891 subparagraph (b)2. and paragraph (c) may be challenged by a  
892 qualified candidate or a political party with a qualified  
893 candidate in the same race by filing an action for declaratory  
894 and injunctive relief in the circuit court for the county in  
895 which the qualifying officer is headquartered. A person may not  
896 be qualified as a candidate for nomination or election and his  
897 or her name may not appear on the ballot if in an order that has  
898 become final, the court determines that:

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

903 2. The person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate  
904 with no party affiliation has not been registered without party  
905 affiliation for, or has been a registered member of any  
906 political party during, the 365-day period preceding the  
907 beginning of qualifying.

908 (h) Any candidate or political party bringing an action  
909 for declaratory and injunctive relief under paragraph (f) or  
910 paragraph (g) is entitled to an expedited final hearing and any  
911 appeal of a final hearing shall receive expedited consideration  
912 by the appellate court. Upon a final order of the circuit court  
913 containing a determination in paragraph (f) or paragraph (g),  
914 the supervisor of elections in each county affected by such  
915 candidacy shall remove the name of the candidate from the  
916 ballot, or if the ballots have already been printed, post a  
917 notice to be included with each vote-by-mail ballot, and at each  
918 early voting location and polling precinct that a vote for such  
919 candidate will not be counted.

920 **Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 101.043, Florida**  
921 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

922 101.043 Identification required at polls.—

923 (1) (a) The precinct register, as prescribed in s. 98.461,

924 must ~~shall~~ be used at the polls for the purpose of identifying  
 925 the elector at the polls before allowing him or her to vote. The  
 926 clerk or inspector shall require each elector, upon entering the  
 927 polling place, to present one of the following current and valid  
 928 picture identifications:

- 929 1. Florida driver license.
- 930 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of  
 931 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- 932 3. United States passport or passport card.
- 933 ~~4. Debit or credit card.~~
- 934 ~~4.5.~~ United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine  
 935 Military identification.
- 936 ~~6. Student identification.~~
- 937 ~~7. Retirement center identification.~~
- 938 ~~8. Neighborhood association identification.~~
- 939 ~~9. Public assistance identification.~~
- 940 ~~5.10.~~ Veteran health identification card issued by the  
 941 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 942 ~~6.11.~~ A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm  
 943 issued pursuant to s. 790.06.
- 944 ~~7.12.~~ Any other Employee identification card issued by any  
 945 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
 946 the state, a county, or a municipality, excluding identification  
 947 cards issued by an educational institution.

948 (b) If the picture identification does not contain the

949 signature of the elector, an additional identification that  
950 provides the elector's signature is ~~shall be~~ required. The  
951 address appearing on the identification presented by the elector  
952 may not be used as the basis to challenge an elector's legal  
953 residence. The elector must ~~shall~~ sign his or her name in the  
954 space provided on the precinct register or on an electronic  
955 device provided for recording the elector's signature. The clerk  
956 or inspector shall compare the signature with that on the  
957 identification provided by the elector and enter his or her  
958 initials in the space provided on the precinct register or on an  
959 electronic device provided for that purpose and allow the  
960 elector to vote if the clerk or inspector is satisfied as to the  
961 identity of the elector.

962 **Section 15. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection**  
963 **(6) of section 101.048, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

964 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

965 (1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly  
966 registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in  
967 the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a  
968 person whom an election official asserts is not eligible,  
969 including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been  
970 sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final  
971 determination of eligibility has not been made, and other  
972 persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a  
973 provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must be

974 placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a  
975 provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must be  
976 deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must remain  
977 sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of  
978 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the  
979 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional  
980 ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his  
981 or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of elections by not  
982 later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.

983 (6)

984 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in  
985 substantially the following form:

986 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
987 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
988 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

989 1. In order to cure the missing signature or the signature  
990 discrepancy on your Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and  
991 Affirmation, your affidavit should be completed and returned as  
992 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
993 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
994 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

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

997 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
998 identification:



999 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
 1000 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;  
 1001 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
 1002 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport  
 1003 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~  
 1004 ~~or credit card; military identification; student identification;~~  
 1005 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~  
 1006 ~~identification; public assistance identification; veteran health~~  
 1007 identification card issued by the United States Department of  
 1008 Veterans Affairs; Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or  
 1009 firearm; or any other ~~employee~~ identification card issued by any  
 1010 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
 1011 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1012 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
 1013 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and  
 1014 current residence address: current utility bill; bank statement;  
 1015 government check; paycheck; or government document (excluding  
 1016 voter information card).

1017 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
 1018 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
 1019 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
 1020 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
 1021 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
 1022 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
 1023 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your

1024 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
 1025 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election or your  
 1026 ballot will not count.

1027 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed  
 1028 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of  
 1029 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as  
 1030 attachments.

1031 6. Submitting a provisional ballot affidavit does not  
 1032 establish your eligibility to vote in this election or guarantee  
 1033 that your ballot will be counted. The county canvassing board  
 1034 determines your eligibility to vote through information provided  
 1035 on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,  
 1036 written evidence provided by you, including information in your  
 1037 cure affidavit along with any supporting identification, and any  
 1038 other evidence presented by the supervisor of elections or a  
 1039 challenger. You may still be required to present additional  
 1040 written evidence to support your eligibility to vote.

1041 **Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 101.151, Florida**  
 1042 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1043 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

1044 (1) (a) ~~Marksense~~ Ballots must ~~shall~~ be printed on paper of  
 1045 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from  
 1046 the back and must ~~shall~~ meet the specifications of the voting  
 1047 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

1048 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a

1049 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual ~~marksense~~  
1050 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible voters  
1051 ~~electors~~. Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce  
1052 ~~marksense~~ vote-by-mail, early voting, and election-day ballots.

1053 **Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida**  
1054 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1055 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No  
1056 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved  
1057 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

1058 (4) ~~For systems using marksense ballots,~~ It accepts a  
1059 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to  
1060 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has  
1061 been overvoted or undervoted.

1062 **Section 18. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is**  
1063 **amended to read:**

1064 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating  
1065 ballot selections, all voting must be by official marksense  
1066 ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with  
1067 the voting system. Persons with disabilities may vote using  
1068 ~~marking device or~~ a voter interface device that produces a  
1069 voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility  
1070 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of  
1071 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

1072 **Section 19. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section**  
1073 **101.5608, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1074           101.5608 Voting at the polls ~~by electronic or~~  
 1075 ~~electromechanical method~~; procedures.—

1076           (1) Each voter ~~elector~~ desiring to vote shall be  
 1077 identified to the clerk or inspector of the election as a duly  
 1078 qualified voter ~~elector~~ of such election and shall sign his or  
 1079 her name on the precinct register or other form or device  
 1080 provided by the supervisor. The inspector shall compare the  
 1081 signature with the signature on the identification provided by  
 1082 the voter ~~elector~~. If the inspector is reasonably sure that the  
 1083 person is entitled to vote, the inspector shall provide the  
 1084 person with a ballot.

1085           (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system  
 1086 utilizes a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~, the following  
 1087 procedures must ~~shall~~ be followed to vote:

1088           (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter  
 1089 ~~elector~~ shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a  
 1090 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or  
 1091 her ballot, the voter ~~elector~~ shall place the ballot in a  
 1092 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the  
 1093 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

1094           (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an  
 1095 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure  
 1096 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be  
 1097 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device  
 1098 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be considered

1099 spoiled and a new ballot must ~~shall~~ be provided to the voter  
 1100 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The  
 1101 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall  
 1102 state the possible reasons for the rejection and ~~shall~~ provide  
 1103 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled  
 1104 ballot must ~~shall~~ be preserved, without examination, in an  
 1105 envelope provided for that purpose. The stub must ~~shall~~ be  
 1106 removed from the ballot and placed in an envelope.

1107 (c) The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each  
 1108 polling place at least one ballot box to contain the ballots of  
 1109 a particular precinct, and each ballot box must ~~shall~~ be plainly  
 1110 marked with the name of the precinct for which it is intended.

1111 (3) The Department of State shall promulgate rules  
 1112 regarding voting procedures to be used when an electronic or  
 1113 electromechanical voting system is of a type which does not  
 1114 utilize a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~.

1115 **Section 20. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida**  
 1116 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1117 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

1118 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this  
 1119 section shall employ test ballots created by the supervisor of  
 1120 elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the  
 1121 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the  
 1122 election, the supervisor shall also create test ballots using  
 1123 the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to produce

1124 ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as will be  
 1125 used for ballots in the election.

1126 **Section 21. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 1127 **to read:**

1128 101.591 Voting system automated independent vote  
 1129 validation process; system approval; procedures ~~audit.~~-

1130 (1) Before ~~Immediately following~~ the certification of each  
 1131 election, the county canvassing board or the local board  
 1132 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct a ~~manual~~  
 1133 ~~audit or~~ an ~~automated,~~ independent vote validation ~~audit~~ of the  
 1134 voting systems used in all ~~randomly selected~~ precincts.

1135 ~~(2)(a) A manual audit shall consist of a public manual~~  
 1136 ~~tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that~~  
 1137 ~~appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-~~  
 1138 ~~day, vote by mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas~~  
 1139 ~~ballots, in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the~~  
 1140 ~~precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the~~  
 1141 ~~local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1~~  
 1142 ~~percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the~~  
 1143 ~~audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at~~  
 1144 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~  
 1145 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~  
 1146 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

1147 (2)(a)(b) An automated independent vote validation process  
 1148 must ~~audit~~ shall consist of an a ~~public~~ automated verification

1149 of the tally of the votes cast across every race that appears on  
1150 the ballot. The tally sheet ~~must~~ shall include all valid  
1151 election day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and  
1152 overseas ballots received by the start of the vote validation  
1153 process in all ~~at least 20 percent of the precincts chosen at~~  
1154 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~  
1155 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~  
1156 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

1157 (b) ~~(e)~~ The division shall adopt rules for approval of an  
1158 automated independent vote validation process ~~audit system~~ which  
1159 provide that the process ~~system~~, at a minimum, must be:

1160 1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.

1161 2. Fast enough to produce final vote validation ~~audit~~  
1162 results within the timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).

1163 3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record  
1164 have been accurately adjudicated by the automated independent  
1165 vote validation process in agreement with the vote tabulation  
1166 system and is capable of allowing the canvassing board to  
1167 manually adjudicate ballots needing review. A canvassing board  
1168 is not precluded from reviewing a digital image of a ballot  
1169 corresponding to a physical paper ballot in conducting its  
1170 review ~~audit system~~.

1171 (3) The canvassing board shall publish ~~post~~ a notice of  
1172 the automated independent vote validation process ~~audit~~,  
1173 including the date, time, and place such process will occur, on

1174 the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor  
1175 of election's website, or once in one or more newspapers of  
1176 general circulation in the county in which the process will  
1177 occur. Such process must be open to the public, ~~in four~~  
1178 ~~conspicuous places in the county and on the home page of the~~  
1179 ~~county supervisor of elections website.~~

1180 (4) The automated independent vote validation process  
1181 ~~audit~~ must be completed and the results made public before the  
1182 certification of the election by each county canvassing board  
1183 and in accordance with s. 102.141 ~~no later than 11:59 p.m. on~~  
1184 ~~the 7th day following certification of the election by the~~  
1185 ~~county canvassing board or the local board responsible for~~  
1186 ~~certifying the election.~~

1187 (5) By December 15 of each general election year, the  
1188 county canvassing board or the board responsible for certifying  
1189 the election shall provide a report with the results of the  
1190 automated independent vote validation process ~~audit~~ to the  
1191 Department of State in a standard format as prescribed by the  
1192 department under s. 101.5911. Each county's ~~The~~ report must be  
1193 consolidated into one report and included with the overvote and  
1194 undervote report required under s. 101.595(1). The report must,  
1195 at a minimum, shall contain all of, ~~but is not limited to,~~ the  
1196 following ~~items~~:

1197 (a) The overall agreement ~~accuracy~~ of the automated  
1198 independent vote validation process ~~audit~~.



1199 (b) A description of any problems or differences  
 1200 ~~discrepancies~~ encountered during the automated independent vote  
 1201 validation process.

1202 (c) The likely cause of such problems or differences  
 1203 ~~discrepancies~~.

1204 (d) Any recommended corrective action with respect to  
 1205 avoiding or mitigating such circumstances in future elections.

1206 (6) The department shall consolidate the county automated  
 1207 independent vote validation results and include the results as  
 1208 part of the post-general election report submitted to the  
 1209 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
 1210 House of Representatives by February 15 of each year following a  
 1211 general election as required under ss. 101.595(3) and  
 1212 102.141(11) If a manual recount is undertaken pursuant to s.  
 1213 102.166, the canvassing board is not required to perform the  
 1214 audit provided for in this section.

1215 **Section 22. Section 101.5911, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 1216 **to read:**

1217 101.5911 Rulemaking authority for automated independent  
 1218 vote validation process approval; voting system audit  
 1219 ~~procedures. Effective upon this act becoming a law,~~ The  
 1220 department ~~of State~~ shall adopt rules to implement the  
 1221 ~~provisions of s. 101.591, as amended by s. 8, chapter 2007-30,~~  
 1222 Laws of Florida, which provides for the testing and approval of  
 1223 an automated independent vote validation process, and prescribes

1224 ~~prescribe~~ detailed automated independent vote validation audit  
1225 procedures for each voting system, which must ~~shall~~ be uniform  
1226 to the extent practicable, along with the standard form for  
1227 automated independent vote validation process audit reports.

1228 **Section 23. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.595,**  
1229 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1230 101.595 Analysis of overvotes and undervotes ~~reports of~~  
1231 ~~voting problems.~~

1232 (1) No later than December 15 of each general election  
1233 year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to  
1234 the Department of State the total number of overvotes and  
1235 undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor  
1236 and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot  
1237 or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot  
1238 pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for  
1239 such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be  
1240 useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and  
1241 identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which  
1242 may have contributed to voter confusion. This report must be  
1243 consolidated into one report with the automated independent vote  
1244 validation audit report required under s. 101.591(6) ~~s.~~  
1245 ~~101.591(5)~~.

1246 (3) The Department of State shall submit the overvote and  
1247 undervote analysis required under subsection (2) as part of the  
1248 post-general election report to the Governor, the President of

1249 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
 1250 February 15 of each year following a general election as  
 1251 required under ss. 101.591(6) and 102.141(11).

1252 **Section 24. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**  
 1253 **101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1254 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

1255 (4)

1256 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in  
 1257 substantially the following form:

1258 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE  
 1259 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR  
 1260 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1261 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will  
 1262 be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as  
 1263 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
 1264 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
 1265 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

1266 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
 1267 Signature).

1268 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
 1269 identification:

1270 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification  
 1271 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;  
 1272 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway  
 1273 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport

1274 ~~card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; debit~~  
1275 ~~or credit card; military identification; student identification;~~  
1276 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~  
1277 ~~identification; public assistance identification; veteran health~~  
1278 identification card issued by the United States Department of  
1279 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon  
1280 or firearm; or any ~~an~~ ~~employee~~ identification card issued by any  
1281 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,  
1282 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1283       b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1  
1284 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and  
1285 current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
1286 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
1287 voter information card).

1288       4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing  
1289 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your  
1290 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),  
1291 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with  
1292 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of  
1293 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and  
1294 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your  
1295 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no  
1296 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your  
1297 ballot will not count.

1298       5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed

1299 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of  
1300 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as  
1301 attachments.

1302 **Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida**  
1303 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1304 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for  
1305 certain first-time voters.—

1306 (2) A voter covered by this section must be provided with  
1307 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in  
1308 substantially the following form:

1309 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.  
1310 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT  
1311 TO COUNT.

1312 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will  
1313 be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as  
1314 possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the  
1315 county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on  
1316 the date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
1317 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
1318 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated  
1319 no later than the date of the election and received by the  
1320 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
1321 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
1322 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less  
1323 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is

1324 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the  
1325 election.

1326 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
1327 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
1328 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1329 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
1330 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
1331 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
1332 that race will not be counted.

1333 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
1334 envelope and seal the envelope.

1335 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
1336 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
1337 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
1338 envelope.

1339 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
1340 Signature).

1341 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
1342 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
1343 your ballot may not be counted.

1344 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and  
1345 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate  
1346 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at  
1347 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the  
1348 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the

1349 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for  
1350 this election, send your signature update on a voter  
1351 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that  
1352 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

1353 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
1354 must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
1355 identification:

1356 a. Identification which must include your name and  
1357 photograph: United States passport or passport card; United  
1358 States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit or credit~~  
1359 ~~card; military identification; student identification;~~  
1360 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~  
1361 ~~identification; public assistance identification; veteran health~~  
1362 ~~identification card issued by the United States Department of~~  
1363 ~~Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon~~  
1364 ~~or firearm; or any an employee identification card issued by any~~  
1365 ~~branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,~~  
1366 ~~the state, a county, or a municipality; or~~

1367 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
1368 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
1369 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
1370 voter information card).

1371 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
1372 if you meet one of the following requirements:

1373 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

1374           b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.  
 1375           c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
 1376 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
 1377 county on election day.  
 1378           d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
 1379 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
 1380 county on election day.  
 1381           e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
 1382 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
 1383 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
 1384 election day.  
 1385           f. You are currently residing outside the United States.  
 1386           8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
 1387 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
 1388 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
 1389 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
 1390 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR  
 1391 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.  
 1392           9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
 1393 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.  
 1394           10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
 1395 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
 1396 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
 1397 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
 1398 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.



1399           **Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida**  
 1400 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1401           102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

1402           (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 9 &  
 1403 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 9 & a.m. on  
 1404 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of  
 1405 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and  
 1406 for each constitutional amendment. On days the Legislature  
 1407 convenes for organizational session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art.  
 1408 III of the State Constitution, such meeting will begin at 8 a.m.

1409 If a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted  
 1410 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the  
 1411 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a  
 1412 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the  
 1413 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the  
 1414 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify  
 1415 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,  
 1416 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and  
 1417 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

1418           **Section 27. Subsections (3) through (11) of section**  
 1419 **102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1420           102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1421           (3) The canvass, except the canvass of absent electors'  
 1422 returns and the canvass of provisional ballots, must ~~shall~~ be  
 1423 made from the returns and certificates of the inspectors as

1424 signed and filed by them with the supervisor, and the county  
1425 canvassing board may ~~shall~~ not change the number of votes cast  
1426 for a candidate, nominee, constitutional amendment, or other  
1427 measure submitted to the electorate of the county, respectively,  
1428 in any polling place, as shown by the returns. All returns must  
1429 ~~shall~~ be made to the board on or before 2 a.m. of the day  
1430 following any primary, general, or other election. If the  
1431 returns from any precinct are missing, if there are any  
1432 omissions on the returns from any precinct, or if there is an  
1433 obvious error on any such returns, the canvassing board must  
1434 ~~shall~~ order a retabulation of the returns from such precinct.  
1435 Before canvassing such returns, the canvassing board shall  
1436 examine the tabulation of the ballots cast in such precinct and  
1437 determine whether the returns correctly reflect the votes cast.  
1438 If there is a discrepancy between the returns and the tabulation  
1439 of the ballots cast, the tabulation of the ballots cast must  
1440 ~~shall~~ be presumed correct and such votes shall be canvassed  
1441 accordingly.

1442 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the  
1443 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the  
1444 day before the election the results of all early voting and  
1445 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by  
1446 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),  
1447 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the  
1448 results of such uploads may not be made public before the close

1449 of the polls on election day.

1450 (b) The supervisor of elections, on behalf of the  
1451 canvassing board, shall report all early voting and all  
1452 tabulated vote-by-mail results to the Department of State within  
1453 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, the canvassing  
1454 board shall report, with the exception of provisional ballot  
1455 results, updated precinct election results, which must be  
1456 uploaded to the department at least every 45 minutes until all  
1457 results are completely reported. The supervisor of elections  
1458 shall notify the department immediately of any circumstances  
1459 that do not permit periodic updates as required. Results must  
1460 ~~shall~~ be submitted in a format prescribed by the department.

1461 (5) (a) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in  
1462 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the  
1463 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or  
1464 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the  
1465 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on  
1466 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns  
1467 must ~~shall~~ include the canvass of all ballots, including write-  
1468 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

1469 (b) After unofficial results are reported, each county  
1470 must conduct an automated independent vote validation process,  
1471 in accordance with s. 101.591, to validate that the votes  
1472 processed through the vote tabulation system for a candidate for  
1473 any office, candidate for retention to a judicial office, or a

1474 measure appearing on the ballot do not:

1475 1. Have a discrepancy of more than one-half of a percent  
1476 when compared to the results of the automated independent vote  
1477 validation process; or

1478 2. Result in a change in the outcome of the election.

1479  
1480 The automated independent vote validation process must be  
1481 completed no later than noon on the 6th day after any primary  
1482 election and no later than noon on the 7th day after any general  
1483 or other election.

1484 (c) ~~(6)~~ If the county canvassing board determines, after  
1485 the county conducts the automated independent vote validation  
1486 process in accordance with s. 101.591, and the comparison of the  
1487 results of the vote tabulation and the automated independent  
1488 vote validation process indicates that the unofficial returns  
1489 may contain a counting error in which the vote tabulation system  
1490 or the automated independent vote validation process failed to  
1491 count votes that were properly marked in accordance with the  
1492 instructions on the ballot, the county canvassing board shall:

1493 1. ~~(a)~~ Correct the error and retabulate the affected  
1494 ballots with the vote tabulation system or the automated  
1495 independent vote validation process; or

1496 2. ~~(b)~~ Request that the Department of State verify the  
1497 tabulation software of the affected system or process. When the  
1498 Department of State verifies such software, the department shall

1499 compare the software used to tabulate the votes with the  
1500 software filed with the department pursuant to s. 101.5607 and  
1501 check the election parameters.

1502 (6) (a) ~~(7)~~ If the comparison of the results of the vote  
1503 tabulation system and the automated independent vote validation  
1504 process reflects a difference as described in paragraph (5) (b),  
1505 the proper county election official under the oversight of the  
1506 county canvassing board must conduct a system validation review  
1507 using the images in the automated independent vote validation  
1508 process of the ballots in disagreement, which must include, but  
1509 is not limited to, a review of any clear overvotes or undervotes  
1510 that appear in the automated independent vote validation process  
1511 to adjudicate the voter's intent of such ballots before  
1512 certification of the county's official results. If the  
1513 unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was  
1514 defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the  
1515 votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention to a  
1516 judicial office was retained or not retained by one-half of a  
1517 percent or less of the votes cast on the question of retention,  
1518 or that a measure appearing on the ballot was approved or  
1519 rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on  
1520 such measure, a system validation review must ~~recount shall~~ be  
1521 ordered of the votes cast with respect to such office or  
1522 measure. The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering such  
1523 system validation reviews ~~recounts~~ in all federal, state, and

1524 multicounty races. The county canvassing board or the local  
1525 board responsible for certifying the election is responsible for  
1526 ordering a system validation review under this subsection  
1527 ~~recounts~~ in all other races. A system validation review ~~recount~~  
1528 need not be ordered with respect to the returns for any office,  
1529 however, if the candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated  
1530 from contention for such office by one-half of a percent or less  
1531 of the votes cast for such office request in writing that a  
1532 system validation review ~~recount~~ not be made.

1533 ~~(a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~  
1534 ~~recount shall put each marksense ballot through automatic~~  
1535 ~~tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly~~  
1536 ~~reflect the votes cast. If any marksense ballot is physically~~  
1537 ~~damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic~~  
1538 ~~tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall~~  
1539 ~~be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.~~  
1540 ~~101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test~~  
1541 ~~of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.~~  
1542 ~~101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation~~  
1543 ~~of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes~~  
1544 ~~shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the~~  
1545 ~~cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the~~  
1546 ~~recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall~~  
1547 ~~immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error~~  
1548 ~~and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of~~

1549 ~~State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing~~  
1550 ~~board shall file a separate incident report with the Department~~  
1551 ~~of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying~~  
1552 ~~any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.~~  
1553 ~~If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not~~  
1554 ~~part of the voting system and the ballots have already been~~  
1555 ~~processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not~~  
1556 ~~required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating~~  
1557 ~~equipment again.~~

1558 ~~(b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~  
1559 ~~recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the~~  
1560 ~~counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of~~  
1561 ~~the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall~~  
1562 ~~election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall~~  
1563 ~~election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the~~  
1564 ~~counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct~~  
1565 ~~and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.~~

1566 ~~(c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in~~  
1567 ~~formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial~~  
1568 ~~returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,~~  
1569 ~~state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns~~  
1570 ~~shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any~~  
1571 ~~primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after~~  
1572 ~~any general election in which a recount was ordered by the~~  
1573 ~~Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to~~

1574 ~~complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the~~  
1575 ~~deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the~~  
1576 ~~canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial~~  
1577 ~~returns and the submission shall also include a detailed~~  
1578 ~~explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.~~  
1579 ~~However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount~~  
1580 ~~prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount~~  
1581 ~~prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in~~  
1582 ~~accordance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

1583 ~~(d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules~~  
1584 ~~prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified~~  
1585 ~~voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.~~

1586 (b)(8) The canvassing board may employ such clerical help  
1587 to assist with the work of the board as it deems necessary, with  
1588 at least one member of the board present at all times, until the  
1589 canvass of the returns is completed. The clerical help must  
1590 ~~shall~~ be paid from the same fund as inspectors and other  
1591 necessary election officials.

1592 (c) The canvassing board shall publish notice of the  
1593 system validation review, including the date, time, and place  
1594 such review will occur, on the county website as provided in s.  
1595 50.0311, on the supervisor of elections' website, or once in one  
1596 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which  
1597 the review will occur. Such review is open to the public.

1598 (d) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in



1599 formats provided by the division a vote validation report to the  
1600 department for each federal, state, or multicounty office or  
1601 ballot measure in accordance with paragraph (5) (b). If the  
1602 canvassing board is unable to complete the system validation  
1603 review by the deadline, the vote validation report submitted by  
1604 the canvassing board must be identical to the initial unofficial  
1605 returns and the submission must also include a detailed  
1606 explanation of the reason the board was unable to timely  
1607 complete the system validation review. However, the canvassing  
1608 board shall complete the system validation review prescribed in  
1609 this subsection, and certify official election returns, in  
1610 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

1611 (e) The department shall adopt detailed rules prescribing  
1612 additional system validation review procedures for each  
1613 certified voting system, which must be uniform to the extent  
1614 practicable.

1615 (7)-(9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate  
1616 member of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must  
1617 wear identification badges during any period in which the county  
1618 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other  
1619 official duties. The identification badges must ~~should~~ be worn  
1620 in a conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of  
1621 the individual and his or her official position.

1622 (8)-(10) (a) The supervisor shall file a report with the  
1623 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later

1624 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission  
1625 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe  
1626 all of the following:

1627       1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct  
1628 level, at a counting location, or within computer and  
1629 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, or  
1630 issues encountered with any state approved election system,  
1631 including, but not limited to, vote tabulation systems and  
1632 automated independent vote validation processes, and the steps  
1633 that were taken to address the malfunctions.

1634       2. All election definition errors that were discovered  
1635 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken  
1636 to address the errors.

1637       3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing  
1638 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken  
1639 to address the errors or problems.

1640       4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by  
1641 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the  
1642 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during  
1643 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to  
1644 correct such issues.

1645       5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment  
1646 were insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.

1647       6. Any additional information regarding material issues or  
1648 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

1649 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional  
1650 information on any of the items required to be included in the  
1651 report pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the  
1652 supervisor must notify the division that new information has  
1653 been discovered no later than the next business day after the  
1654 discovery, and the supervisor must file an amended report signed  
1655 by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of the election  
1656 within 10 days after the discovery.

1657 (c) Such reports must be maintained on file in the  
1658 Division of Elections and must be available for public  
1659 inspection.

1660 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election  
1661 reports to determine what problems may be likely to occur in  
1662 other elections and disseminate such information, along with  
1663 possible solutions and training, to the supervisors of  
1664 elections.

1665 (e) For the general election, the department shall submit  
1666 the analysis of these reports for the post-general ~~general~~  
1667 election report ~~as part of the consolidated reports~~ required  
1668 under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor, the President of  
1669 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
1670 February 15 of each year following a general election.

1671 ~~(11) The supervisor shall file with the department a copy~~  
1672 ~~of or an export file from the results database of the county's~~  
1673 ~~voting system and other statistical information as may be~~

1674 ~~required by the department, the Legislature, or the Election~~  
1675 ~~Assistance Commission. The department shall adopt rules~~  
1676 ~~establishing the required content and acceptable formats for the~~  
1677 ~~filings and time for filings.~~

1678 **Section 28. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1679 **to read:**

1680 102.166 Manual review ~~recounts~~ of overvotes and undervotes  
1681 in contests.-

1682 (1) If the vote tabulation system indicates and automated  
1683 independent vote validation process conducted under ss. 101.591  
1684 and 102.141 confirms second set of unofficial returns pursuant  
1685 ~~to s. 102.141 indicates~~ that a candidate for any office was  
1686 defeated or eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of  
1687 the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention  
1688 to a judicial office was retained or not retained by one-quarter  
1689 of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question of  
1690 retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was  
1691 approved or rejected by one-quarter of a percent or less of the  
1692 votes cast on such measure, a manual review ~~recount~~ of the  
1693 overvotes and undervotes cast in the entire geographic  
1694 jurisdiction of such office or ballot measure must ~~shall~~ be  
1695 ordered and conducted in a manner consistent with s. 102.141(6)  
1696 unless:

1697 (a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated  
1698 from contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the

1699 | votes cast for such office request in writing that a manual  
1700 | review ~~recount~~ not be made; or

1701 |       (b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than  
1702 | the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the  
1703 | election.

1704 |  
1705 | The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering manual  
1706 | reviews of all ~~a manual recount for~~ federal, state, and  
1707 | multicounty races. The county canvassing board or local board  
1708 | responsible for certifying the election is responsible for  
1709 | ordering a manual review ~~recount~~ for all other races. A manual  
1710 | review ~~recount~~ consists of a review by a designee of the  
1711 | canvassing board ~~recount~~ of paper ~~marksense~~ ballots or of  
1712 | digital images from an independent vote validation system, if  
1713 | applicable ~~of those ballots by a person.~~

1714 |       (2) Any hardware or software used to identify and sort  
1715 | overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must  
1716 | be certified by the Department of State. Any such hardware or  
1717 | software must be capable of simultaneously identifying and  
1718 | sorting overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while  
1719 | simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes and undervotes must be  
1720 | identified and sorted while conducting the automated independent  
1721 | vote validation process ~~recounting ballots~~ pursuant to s.  
1722 | 102.141. Overvotes and undervotes must ~~may~~ be identified and  
1723 | sorted physically or digitally.

1724 (3) Any manual review must ~~recount shall~~ be open to the  
1725 public. Each political party may designate one person with  
1726 expertise in the computer field who must be allowed in the  
1727 central counting room when the manual review is being conducted  
1728 and when the official votes are being counted. The designee may  
1729 not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

1730 (4) (a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure must ~~shall~~  
1731 be counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the  
1732 voter has made a definite choice.

1733 (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for  
1734 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified  
1735 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication  
1736 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The  
1737 rules must ~~shall~~ be consistent, to the extent practicable, and  
1738 may not:

1739 1. Authorize the use of any electronic or  
1740 electromechanical reading device to review a hybrid voting  
1741 system ballot that is produced using a voter interface device  
1742 and that contains both machine-readable fields and machine-  
1743 printed text of the contest titles and voter selections, unless  
1744 the printed text is illegible;

1745 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark  
1746 or designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

1747 3. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify  
1748 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication

1749 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1750 (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must  
1751 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

1752 1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a  
1753 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or  
1754 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to  
1755 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

1756 2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or  
1757 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a  
1758 similar name.

1759 3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or  
1760 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar  
1761 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as  
1762 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the  
1763 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle  
1764 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,  
1765 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation  
1766 of a political party.

1767 4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified  
1768 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which  
1769 the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the  
1770 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or  
1771 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

1772 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a  
1773 candidate is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political

1774 party to which the candidate does not belong, including those in  
 1775 which the party designated has another candidate in the race or  
 1776 does not have a candidate in the race.

1777 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,  
 1778 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that  
 1779 the same political party designation applies to all listed  
 1780 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed  
 1781 ballot measures.

1782 7. Situations in which an elector designates the name of a  
 1783 qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

1784 8. Situations in which an elector designates an otherwise  
 1785 correct office name that includes an incorrect district number.

1786 (5) Procedures for a manual review ~~recount~~ are as follows:

1787 (a) The county canvassing board shall appoint as many  
 1788 counting teams of at least two electors as is necessary to  
 1789 manually review ~~recount~~ the ballots. A counting team must have,  
 1790 when possible, members of at least two political parties. A  
 1791 candidate involved in the race may ~~shall~~ not be a member of the  
 1792 counting team.

1793 (b) Each duplicate ballot prepared pursuant to s.  
 1794 101.5614(4) or s. 102.141(6) ~~s. 102.141(7)~~ shall be  
 1795 compared with the original ballot to ensure the correctness of  
 1796 the duplicate.

1797 (c) If a counting team is unable to determine whether the  
 1798 ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made a



1799 definite choice, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be presented to the  
 1800 county canvassing board for a determination.

1801 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules  
 1802 prescribing additional review ~~recount~~ procedures for each  
 1803 certified voting system which must ~~shall~~ be uniform to the  
 1804 extent practicable. The rules must, at a minimum, ~~shall~~ address,  
 1805 ~~at a minimum,~~ the following areas:

- 1806 1. Security of ballots during the manual review ~~recount~~  
 1807 process.~~;~~
- 1808 2. Time and place of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~
- 1809 3. Public observance of manual reviews. ~~recounts;~~
- 1810 4. Objections to ballot determinations.~~;~~
- 1811 5. Record of manual review ~~recount~~ proceedings.~~;~~
- 1812 6. Procedures relating to candidate and petitioner  
 1813 representatives.~~;~~~~and~~
- 1814 7. Procedures relating to the certification and the use of  
 1815 automatic tabulating equipment that is not part of a voting  
 1816 system.

1817 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county canvassing  
 1818 board or local board involved in the manual review ~~recount~~ from  
 1819 comparing a digital image of a ballot to the corresponding  
 1820 physical paper ballot during a manual review ~~recount~~.

1821 **Section 29. Effective July 1, 2026, section 104.042,**  
 1822 **Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

1823 104.042 Limitations on actions for election fraud.—A

1824 prosecution for a felony violation under the Election Code must  
 1825 be commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is  
 1826 committed.

1827 **Section 30. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph (a) of**  
 1828 **subsection (12) of section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended,**  
 1829 **paragraphs (c) through (g) are added to that subsection, and**  
 1830 **paragraph (b) of that subsection is reenacted, to read:**

1831 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

1832 (12) (a)1. For purposes of this subsection, the term  
 1833 "foreign national" means:

- 1834 a. A foreign government;
- 1835 b. A foreign political party;
- 1836 c. A foreign corporation, partnership, association,  
 1837 organization, or other combination of persons organized under  
 1838 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a  
 1839 foreign country;
- 1840 d. A person with foreign citizenship; or
- 1841 e. A person who is not a citizen or national of the United  
 1842 States and is not lawfully admitted to the United States for  
 1843 permanent residence.

1844 2. The term does not include:

- 1845 a. A person who is a dual citizen or dual national of the  
 1846 United States and a foreign country.
- 1847 b. A domestic subsidiary of a foreign corporation,  
 1848 partnership, association, organization, or other combination of

1849 persons organized under the laws of or having its principal  
1850 place of business in a foreign country if:

1851 (I) The donations and disbursements used toward a  
1852 contribution or an expenditure are derived entirely from funds  
1853 generated by the subsidiary's operations in the United States;  
1854 and

1855 (II) All decisions concerning donations and disbursements  
1856 used toward a contribution or an expenditure are made by  
1857 individuals who either hold United States citizenship or are  
1858 permanent residents of the United States. For purposes of this  
1859 sub-sub-subparagraph, decisions concerning donations and  
1860 disbursements do not include decisions regarding the  
1861 subsidiary's overall budget for contributions or expenditures in  
1862 connection with an election or decisions regarding the  
1863 subsidiary's support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1864 (b) A foreign national may not make or offer to make,  
1865 directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in  
1866 connection with any election held in the state.

1867 (c) A political party, a political committee, an  
1868 electioneering communications organization, or a candidate may  
1869 not knowingly and willfully accept or solicit, directly or  
1870 indirectly, a contribution from a foreign national in connection  
1871 with any election held in this state.

1872 (d) A person, acting either alone or jointly with,  
1873 through, or on behalf of another person, who has knowingly and

1874 willfully received monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from  
1875 one or more foreign nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding  
1876 \$100,000 over the preceding 4 years, may not make a contribution  
1877 or independent expenditure:

1878 1. To a political committee supporting or opposing an  
1879 issue in this state; or

1880 2. In support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1881 (e) A political committee supporting or opposing an issue  
1882 in this state may not knowingly and willfully accept  
1883 contributions from a person, acting either alone or jointly  
1884 with, through, or on behalf of another person, who has received  
1885 monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more foreign  
1886 nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding \$100,000 over the  
1887 preceding 4 years.

1888 (f) For purposes of compliance with subsections (d) and  
1889 (e), monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more  
1890 foreign nationals received by a domestic subsidiary who meets  
1891 the requirements of subparagraph (a)2. shall not count towards  
1892 the \$100,000 aggregate threshold provided in subsections (d) and  
1893 (e), as long as the monetary or in-kind donations or gifts  
1894 received are not used for political activity by the domestic  
1895 subsidiary.

1896 (g) A person or entity who violates this subsection  
1897 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
1898 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall also be subject

1899 to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount contributed.  
 1900 Such penalty shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund. Any  
 1901 penalty imposed against a person that is not an individual  
 1902 jointly and severally attaches to the chair of the entity if the  
 1903 entity does not pay the penalty within 30 days. The Florida  
 1904 Elections Commission shall be responsible for determining  
 1905 violations, imposing civil penalties, and collecting any unpaid  
 1906 civil penalties. The Florida Elections Commission shall report  
 1907 any violations of this subsection to the Office of Election  
 1908 Crimes and Security to include in the department's report under  
 1909 s. 97.022.

1910 **Section 31. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 1911 **to read:**

1912 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver  
 1913 licenses and identification cards.—

1914 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida  
 1915 identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a  
 1916 United States citizen as last recorded in the system must  
 1917 include the legal status of United States citizen on the license  
 1918 or card at the time of issuance, renewal, or replacement.

1919 (2) Notwithstanding this chapter, the department shall  
 1920 issue, at no charge, a renewal or replacement license or card if  
 1921 a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status  
 1922 upon becoming a citizen of the United States as required in s.  
 1923 322.19.

1924           **Section 32. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph (d) of**  
 1925 **subsection (8) of section 895.02, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 1926 **to read:**

1927           895.02 Definitions.—As used in ss. 895.01–895.08, the  
 1928 term:

1929           (8) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to  
 1930 commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or  
 1931 intimidate another person to commit:

1932           (d) Any ~~A~~ violation of chapter 104 ~~the Florida Election~~  
 1933 ~~Code relating to irregularities or fraud involving issue~~  
 1934 ~~petition activities.~~

1935           **Section 33. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 98.065,**  
 1936 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1937           98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

1938           (5) A notice may not be issued pursuant to this section  
 1939 and a voter's name may not be removed from the statewide voter  
 1940 registration system later than 90 days prior to the date of a  
 1941 federal election. However, this section does not preclude the  
 1942 correction of registration records based on information  
 1943 submitted by the voter or removal of the name of a voter from  
 1944 the statewide voter registration system at any time upon the  
 1945 voter's written request, by reason of the voter's death, or upon  
 1946 a determination of the voter's ineligibility as provided in s.  
 1947 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~.

1948           (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual

1949 review of voter registration records to identify registration  
 1950 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may  
 1951 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those  
 1952 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has  
 1953 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the  
 1954 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant  
 1955 to s. 98.075(7) ~~s. 98.075(6)~~ and (8) ~~(7)~~.

1956 **Section 34. Section 98.0755, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 1957 **to read:**

1958 98.0755 Appeal of determination of ineligibility.—Appeal  
 1959 of the supervisor's determination of ineligibility pursuant to  
 1960 s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ may be taken to the circuit court in  
 1961 and for the county where the person was registered. Notice of  
 1962 appeal must be filed within the time and in the manner provided  
 1963 by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and acts as  
 1964 supersedeas. Trial in the circuit court is de novo and governed  
 1965 by the rules of that court. Unless the person can show that his  
 1966 or her name was erroneously or illegally removed from the  
 1967 statewide voter registration system, or that he or she is  
 1968 indigent, the person must bear the costs of the trial in the  
 1969 circuit court. Otherwise, the cost of the appeal must be paid by  
 1970 the supervisor of elections.

1971 **Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
 1972 **101.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1973 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for

1974 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.-

1975 (1)

1976 (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections  
 1977 shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person  
 1978 to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~  
 1979 ~~98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final determination of eligibility has  
 1980 not been made, and shall treat them as provisional ballots for  
 1981 individual review by the county canvassing board. The supervisor  
 1982 shall attempt to contact each voter whose ballot has been set  
 1983 aside under this paragraph in the same manner as if the voter  
 1984 had voted a provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

1985 **Section 36. Subsection (2) of section 104.16, Florida**  
 1986 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1987 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.-

1988 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom  
 1989 notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ and  
 1990 who votes a provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a  
 1991 final determination of eligibility is made.

1992 **Section 37.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 1993 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
 1994 becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.