

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, and must
18 vote with a provisional ballot that will not be
19 counted if his or her legal status as a United States
20 citizen cannot be verified through the Department of
21 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the
22 online voter registration system to transmit certain
23 information to the supervisor of elections and
24 generate certain notices; requiring the supervisor of
25 elections to verify the legal status of certain

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

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

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

101 amending ss. 101.048, 101.151, 101.5606, 101.5608, and
102 101.5612, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
103 by the act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; requiring
104 voting be completed on an official ballot using a pen
105 or marker; amending s. 101.591, F.S.; removing
106 provisions relating to the performance of a manual
107 audit; requiring the county canvassing board or other
108 local board responsible for certifying an election to
109 conduct an automated, independent audit of voting
110 systems used in all precincts; providing the process
111 for conducting such automated, independent audit;
112 requiring the canvassing board to publish a specified
113 notice on the county's website, the supervisor's
114 website, or in certain newspapers; requiring that the
115 audit be completed and made public before the
116 certification of the election; providing reporting
117 requirements for county canvassing boards; requiring
118 the results of the audit be included in a specified
119 report submitted to the Governor and Legislature by a
120 specified date each year; amending s. 101.5911, F.S.;
121 requiring the Department of State to adopt certain
122 rules; amending s. 101.595, F.S.; revising certain
123 reporting requirements for the Department of State;
124 amending ss. 101.68 and 101.6923, F.S.; conforming
125 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.

126 | 102.111, F.S.; revising the meeting time for the
127 | Elections Canvassing Commission; amending s. 102.141,
128 | F.S.; 102.141, F.S.; revising requirements for
129 | canvassing of ballots; revising provisions relating to
130 | reporting election results; requiring counties to
131 | conduct an automated independent audit for a specified
132 | purpose within a specified timeframe; requiring the
133 | specified parties take certain actions if the audit
134 | and vote tabulation procedure difference results;
135 | requiring a manual ballot review under specified
136 | circumstances; providing procedures for such manual
137 | ballot reviews; removing provisions relating to
138 | automatic recounts and county canvassing board recount
139 | procedures; requiring the county canvassing board to
140 | publish certain notice containing manual review
141 | information through specified means; requiring manual
142 | review of ballots be open to the public; authorizing
143 | political parties to designate a certain expert to be
144 | allowed in the central counting room while reviews are
145 | being performed; prohibiting such person from
146 | interfering with the normal operation of the
147 | canvassing board; revising information required to be
148 | in a report to the Division of Elections; removing the
149 | requirement for the supervisor to file with the
150 | Department of State certain results and statistical

151 information; amending s. 102.166, F.S.; revising
152 requirements for recounts of overvotes and undervotes;
153 authorizing political parties to designate a certain
154 expert to be allowed in the central counting room
155 while reviews are being performed; prohibiting such
156 person from interfering with the normal operation of
157 the canvassing board; revising requirements for rules
158 prescribing voter intent; creating s. 104.042, F.S.;
159 providing a statute of limitations period for election
160 fraud; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; revising the
161 contributions or expenditures that a foreign national
162 is prohibited from making or offering to make;
163 prohibiting certain persons from accepting specified
164 contributions; prohibiting certain persons from making
165 specified contributions or expenditures; providing an
166 exception to such prohibition; providing penalties;
167 creating s. 322.034, F.S.; requiring that Florida
168 driver licenses and identification cards include
169 certain information by a specified date; requiring the
170 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
171 issue certain replacement or renewal cards at no
172 charge; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the
173 definition of the term "racketeering activity";
174 amending ss. 98.065, 98.0755, 101.5614, 101.67, and
175 104.16, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing

176 effective dates.

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

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180 Section 1. Subsections (6), (43), and (47) of section
181 97.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

182 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
183 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

184 (6) "Ballot" means a printed sheet of paper containing
185 contests, including offices and candidates, constitutional
186 amendments, and other public measures upon which a voter's
187 selections will be marked by using a pen compatible with or
188 recommended for use with the voting system, for tabulation by
189 automatic tabulating equipment or data processing equipment that
190 is part of the voting system. The term includes a voter-
191 verifiable paper output upon which a voter's selections are
192 marked by a voter interface device that meets voter
193 accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities
194 under s. 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s.
195 101.56062 or "official ballot" when used in reference to:

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

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

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

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

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

226 97.022 Office of Election Crimes and Security; creation;
227 purpose and duties.—

228 (7) By January 15 of each year, the department shall
229 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
230 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing
231 information on investigations of alleged election law violations
232 or election irregularities conducted during the prior calendar
233 year. The report must include the total number of complaints
234 received and independent investigations initiated and the number
235 of complaints referred to another agency for further
236 investigation or prosecution, including the total number of
237 those matters sent to a special officer pursuant to s. 102.091.
238 The report must include any alleged violations of s.
239 106.08(12)(b), irregularities involving foreign national
240 influence, and the department's recommendations to the
241 Legislature to mitigate foreign national influence in elections.
242 For each alleged violation or irregularity investigated, the
243 report must include:

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

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

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

249 (d) Whether the alleged violation or irregularity was
250 referred to another agency for further investigation or

251 prosecution and, if so, to which agency; and

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

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

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

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

271 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

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

275 (v) Documentation required by the United States Election

276 Assistance Commission or federal law.

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

279 97.0525 Online voter registration.—

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

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

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

312 (d)1. If the applicant's legal status as a United States
313 citizen cannot be verified by the records of the Department of
314 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the applicant will be
315 registered as an unverified voter provided all other
316 requirements have been met. The unverified voter must vote a
317 provisional ballot, and the ballot will only be counted when the
318 voter provides sufficient evidence of citizenship to the
319 supervisor of elections. The online voter registration system
320 must transmit, using the statewide voter registration system
321 maintained under s. 98.035, the applicant's registration
322 application, along with the digital signature of the applicant
323 on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
324 Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
325 digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.

326 97.052(2)(q). The system must generate a notice to the
327 supervisor of elections and to the applicant which states that
328 the applicant's legal status as a United States citizen cannot
329 be verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
330 Vehicles and that the applicant must provide to the supervisor
331 of elections sufficient evidence of his or her United States
332 citizenship and the supervisor of elections must verify the
333 applicant's legal status as a United States citizen before the
334 applicant may vote. Such notice must include a list of documents
335 acceptable as evidence United States citizenship as set forth in
336 s. 98.075(6)(c).

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

347 (e) If the applicant indicates that he or she has not been
348 issued a Florida driver license or Florida identification card,
349 or chooses to use the system to prepopulate an application to
350 print, sign, and deliver, the online voter registration system

351 must populate the applicant's information into a uniform
352 statewide voter registration application under s. 97.052(2) and
353 direct the applicant to print, sign, and date the application
354 and deliver the application to the supervisor of elections for
355 disposition under s. 97.073.

356 Section 6. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 97.053,
357 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

358 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

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

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

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

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

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

401 documentation is verified.

402 (d) If the applicant has not provided the ~~necessary~~
 403 evidence to validate the applicant's number or citizenship as
 404 required under paragraph (a) before ~~or the number has not~~
 405 ~~otherwise been verified prior to~~ the applicant appears
 406 ~~presenting himself or herself to vote,~~ the applicant must ~~shall~~
 407 be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot must
 408 ~~shall~~ be counted pursuant to s. 101.048, only if the requisite
 409 verification occurs ~~number is verified~~ by the end of the
 410 canvassing period or if the applicant presents ~~evidence~~ to the
 411 supervisor of elections evidence sufficient to verify the
 412 authenticity of the applicant's Florida driver license number,
 413 Florida identification card number, ~~or~~ last four digits of the
 414 social security number, or provides one of the documents
 415 acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship set forth s.
 416 98.075(6)(c), whichever is applicable, no later than 5 p.m. of
 417 the second day following the election.

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

420 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
 421 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

422 (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
 423 shall enter into an agreement with the department to match
 424 information in the statewide voter registration system with
 425 information in the database of the Department of Highway Safety

426 and Motor Vehicles to the extent required to verify the accuracy
 427 of a person's Florida ~~the~~ driver license number, Florida
 428 identification number, ~~or~~ last four digits of his or her ~~the~~
 429 social security number, or legal status as a United States
 430 citizen, as applicable, provided on applications for voter
 431 registration as required in s. 97.053. The department shall also
 432 include the documentary proof that the applicant provided in
 433 support of his or her United States citizenship.

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

444 Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida
 445 Statutes, is amended to read:

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

450 (4) (a) At a minimum, the office of the supervisor must be

451 open Monday through Friday, ~~excluding legal holidays,~~ for a
452 period of not less than 8 hours per day, beginning no later than
453 9 a.m.

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

458 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 98.045, Florida
459 Statutes, is amended to read:

460 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

461 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—

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

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

470 2.(b) The applicant is deceased.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

500 Section 10. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section

501 98.075, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),
 502 (8), and (9), respectively, subsections (4) and (5), present
 503 subsection (6), paragraph (a) of present subsection (7), and
 504 paragraph (a) of present subsection (8) are amended, and a new
 505 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

506 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
 507 ineligibility determinations.—

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

524 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

525 (a) The department shall identify those registered voters

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

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

551 of this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (8)
552 ~~(7)~~ begin upon his or her determination that the information
553 received from the clerk is credible and reliable.

554 (6) CITIZENSHIP.—

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

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

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

576 must include the following list of documents that will be
577 accepted as evidence of United States citizenship:

- 578 1. A current and valid United States passport.
- 579 2. A United States birth certificate.
- 580 3. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
581 United States Department of State.
- 582 4. A current and valid Florida driver license or Florida
583 identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety
584 and Motor Vehicles if such driver license or identification card
585 indicates United States citizenship.
- 586 5. A naturalization certificate, a certificate of
587 citizenship, a certificate number, or an alien registration
588 number issued by the United States Department of Homeland
589 Security.
- 590 6. A current and valid photo identification issued by the
591 Federal Government or the government of this state which
592 indicates United States citizenship.
- 593 7. An order from a federal court granting United States
594 citizenship.

595 (d) If the registered voter's legal name is different than
596 the name that appears on one of the documents specified in
597 paragraph (c), the applicant must also provide official
598 documentation providing proof of a legal name change.

599 (e) The type of document provided or used to verify
600 citizenship must be recorded in the statewide voter registration

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

621 (8)~~(7)~~ PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

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

625 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential

626 | ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or
627 | information. The notice must include:

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

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

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

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

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

649 | f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights
650 | pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and

651 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
652 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
653 conviction, if applicable.

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

663 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the
664 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned
665 notice, either publish notice once in a newspaper of general
666 circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered
667 or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s.
668 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by
669 the supervisor. The notice must contain the following:

670 a. The voter's name and address.

671 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to
672 be registered to vote.

673 c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days
674 after the notice is published may result in a determination of
675 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered

676 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

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

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

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

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

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

701 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is
702 ineligible, the supervisor must remove the name of the
703 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system
704 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter
705 of the supervisor's determination and action.

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

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

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

743 (9)~~(8)~~ CERTIFICATION.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

776 applicable, the person's alien registration number or other
777 legal status identifier.

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

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

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

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

811 98.094 Federal jury notice.—

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

817 (2) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be
818 prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially
819 disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service because
820 the person is not a United States citizen, was convicted of a
821 felony, is deceased, is not a resident of this state, or is not
822 a resident of the county in which such jury service is required.
823 The list must be prepared and sent to the division according to
824 the jury summons cycle used by the clerk of court. This section
825 does not prevent the list from being sent more frequently. The

826 list prepared by the jury coordinator may be provided by mail,
827 e-mail, or other electronic means to the division.

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

831 (a) The full name of the juror.

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

833 (c) Telephone number, if available.

834 (d) Date of birth.

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

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

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

846 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

847 (1)

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

851 writing:

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

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

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

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

869 (f) A qualified candidate or a political party with a
870 qualified candidate in the same race may challenge the accuracy
871 of the content of the statement in a candidate's oath or
872 affirmation appearing in subparagraph (a)1. that the person
873 seeking to qualify as a candidate for nomination or election is
874 qualified under the State Constitution to hold the office to
875 which he or she desires to be nominated or elected by filing an

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

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

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

901 beginning of qualifying; or

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

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

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

921 101.043 Identification required at polls.-

922 (1) (a) The precinct register, as prescribed in s. 98.461,
923 must ~~shall~~ be used at the polls for the purpose of identifying
924 the elector at the polls before allowing him or her to vote. The
925 clerk or inspector shall require each elector, upon entering the

926 | polling place, to present one of the following current and valid
 927 | picture identifications:

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

947 | (b) If the picture identification does not contain the
 948 | signature of the elector, an additional identification that
 949 | provides the elector's signature is ~~shall be~~ required. The
 950 | address appearing on the identification presented by the elector

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

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

963 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

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

976 sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of
977 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the
978 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional
979 ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his
980 or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of elections by not
981 later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.

982 (6)

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

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

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

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

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

998 a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification
999 that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;
1000 Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway

1001 Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport
 1002 card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~
 1003 ~~or credit card; military identification; student identification;~~
 1004 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~
 1005 ~~identification; public assistance identification; veteran health~~
 1006 identification card issued by the United States Department of
 1007 Veterans Affairs; Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or
 1008 firearm; or any other ~~employee~~ identification card issued by any
 1009 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
 1010 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1011 b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1
 1012 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and
 1013 current residence address: current utility bill; bank statement;
 1014 government check; paycheck; or government document (excluding
 1015 voter information card).

1016 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
 1017 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
 1018 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),
 1019 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with
 1020 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of
 1021 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and
 1022 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your
 1023 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no
 1024 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election or your
 1025 ballot will not count.

1026 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
 1027 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
 1028 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as
 1029 attachments.

1030 6. Submitting a provisional ballot affidavit does not
 1031 establish your eligibility to vote in this election or guarantee
 1032 that your ballot will be counted. The county canvassing board
 1033 determines your eligibility to vote through information provided
 1034 on the Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation,
 1035 written evidence provided by you, including information in your
 1036 cure affidavit along with any supporting identification, and any
 1037 other evidence presented by the supervisor of elections or a
 1038 challenger. You may still be required to present additional
 1039 written evidence to support your eligibility to vote.

1040 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 101.151, Florida
 1041 Statutes, is amended to read:

1042 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

1043 (1) (a) ~~Marksense~~ Ballots must ~~shall~~ be printed on paper of
 1044 such thickness that the printing cannot be distinguished from
 1045 the back and must ~~shall~~ meet the specifications of the voting
 1046 system that will be used to tabulate the ballots.

1047 (b) Polling places and early voting sites may employ a
 1048 ballot-on-demand production system to print individual ~~marksense~~
 1049 ballots, including provisional ballots, for eligible voters
 1050 ~~electors~~. Ballot-on-demand technology may be used to produce

1051 ~~marksense~~ vote-by-mail, early voting, and election-day ballots.

1052 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 101.5606, Florida
 1053 Statutes, is amended to read:

1054 101.5606 Requirements for approval of systems.—No
 1055 electronic or electromechanical voting system shall be approved
 1056 by the Department of State unless it is so constructed that:

1057 (4) ~~For systems using marksense ballots,~~ It accepts a
 1058 rejected ballot pursuant to subsection (3) if a voter chooses to
 1059 cast the ballot, but records no vote for any office that has
 1060 been overvoted or undervoted.

1061 Section 18. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is
 1062 amended to read:

1063 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating
 1064 ballot selections, all voting must be by official marksense
 1065 ballot, using a pen compatible with or recommended for use with
 1066 the voting system. Persons with disabilities may vote using
 1067 ~~marking device or~~ a voter interface device that produces a
 1068 voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility
 1069 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of
 1070 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062.

1071 Section 19. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
 1072 101.5608, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1073 101.5608 Voting at the polls ~~by electronic or~~
 1074 ~~electromechanical method~~; procedures.—

1075 (1) Each voter ~~elector~~ desiring to vote shall be

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

1084 (2) When an electronic or electromechanical voting system
1085 utilizes a ~~ballot card or marksense ballot~~, the following
1086 procedures must ~~shall~~ be followed to vote:

1087 (a) After receiving a ballot from an inspector, the voter
1088 ~~elector~~ shall, without leaving the polling place, retire to a
1089 booth or compartment and mark the ballot. After marking his or
1090 her ballot, the voter ~~elector~~ shall place the ballot in a
1091 secrecy envelope so that the ballot will be deposited in the
1092 tabulator without exposing the voter's choices.

1093 (b) Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an
1094 error may return the ballot to the election official and secure
1095 another ballot, except that in no case shall a voter be
1096 furnished more than three ballots. If the vote tabulation device
1097 has rejected a ballot, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be considered
1098 spoiled and a new ballot must ~~shall~~ be provided to the voter
1099 unless the voter chooses to cast the rejected ballot. The
1100 election official, without examining the original ballot, shall

1101 state the possible reasons for the rejection and ~~shall~~ provide
 1102 instruction to the voter pursuant to s. 101.5611. A spoiled
 1103 ballot must ~~shall~~ be preserved, without examination, in an
 1104 envelope provided for that purpose. The stub must ~~shall~~ be
 1105 removed from the ballot and placed in an envelope.

1106 (c) The supervisor of elections shall prepare for each
 1107 polling place at least one ballot box to contain the ballots of
 1108 a particular precinct, and each ballot box must ~~shall~~ be plainly
 1109 marked with the name of the precinct for which it is intended.

1110 (3) The Department of State shall promulgate rules
 1111 regarding voting procedures to be used when an electronic or
 1112 electromechanical voting system is of a type which does not
 1113 utilize a ballot ~~card or marksense ballot~~.

1114 Section 20. Subsection (5) of section 101.5612, Florida
 1115 Statutes, is amended to read:

1116 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

1117 (5) Any tests involving ~~marksense~~ ballots pursuant to this
 1118 section shall employ test ballots created by the supervisor of
 1119 elections using actual ballots that have been printed for the
 1120 election. If ballot-on-demand ballots will be used in the
 1121 election, the supervisor shall also create test ballots using
 1122 the ballot-on-demand technology that will be used to produce
 1123 ballots in the election, using the same paper stock as will be
 1124 used for ballots in the election.

1125 Section 21. Section 101.591, Florida Statutes, is amended

1126 to read:

1127 101.591 Voting system audit.—

1128 (1) Before ~~Immediately following~~ the certification of each
1129 election, the county canvassing board or the local board
1130 responsible for certifying the election shall conduct, in
1131 accordance with s. 102.141, ~~a manual audit or an automated,~~
1132 independent audit of the voting systems used in all ~~randomly~~
1133 ~~selected~~ precincts.

1134 ~~(2)(a) A manual audit shall consist of a public manual~~
1135 ~~tally of the votes cast in one randomly selected race that~~
1136 ~~appears on the ballot. The tally sheet shall include election-~~
1137 ~~day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and overseas~~
1138 ~~ballots, in at least 1 percent but no more than 2 percent of the~~
1139 ~~precincts chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the~~
1140 ~~local board responsible for certifying the election. If 1~~
1141 ~~percent of the precincts is less than one entire precinct, the~~
1142 ~~audit shall be conducted using at least one precinct chosen at~~
1143 ~~random by the county canvassing board or the local board~~
1144 ~~responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts shall be~~
1145 ~~selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board meeting.~~

1146 ~~(2)(b)~~ An automated independent audit using a system
1147 approved pursuant to s. 101.5911 shall consist of a public
1148 automated tally of the votes cast across every race that appears
1149 on the ballot. The tally sheet must ~~shall~~ include all valid
1150 election day, vote-by-mail, early voting, provisional, and

1151 overseas ballots in all ~~at least 20 percent of the precincts~~
1152 ~~chosen at random by the county canvassing board or the local~~
1153 ~~board responsible for certifying the election. Such precincts~~
1154 ~~shall be selected at a publicly noticed canvassing board~~
1155 ~~meeting.~~

1156 ~~(c) The division shall adopt rules for approval of an~~
1157 ~~independent audit system which provide that the system, at a~~
1158 ~~minimum, must be:~~

1159 ~~1. Completely independent of the primary voting system.~~

1160 ~~2. Fast enough to produce final audit results within the~~
1161 ~~timeframe prescribed in subsection (4).~~

1162 ~~3. Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record~~
1163 ~~have been accurately adjudicated by the audit system.~~

1164 (3) The canvassing board shall publish ~~post~~ a notice of
1165 the automated independent audit on the county website as
1166 provided in s. 50.0311 or on the supervisor of elections'
1167 website, as deemed appropriate by the supervisor of elections in
1168 the county. The notice shall include ~~including~~ the date, time,
1169 and place for the audit, ~~in four conspicuous places in the~~
1170 ~~county and on the home page of the county supervisor of~~
1171 ~~elections website. The audit shall be open to the public.~~

1172 (4) The automated independent audit must be completed and
1173 the results made public and reported in accordance with s.
1174 102.141 ~~no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following~~
1175 ~~certification of the election by the county canvassing board or~~

1176 ~~the local board responsible for certifying the election.~~

1177 (5) By December 15 of each general election year, the
1178 county canvassing board or the board responsible for certifying
1179 the election shall provide a report with the results of the pre-
1180 certification automated independent audit for the general
1181 election to the Department of State in a standard format as
1182 prescribed by the department pursuant to rulemaking authority in
1183 s. 101.5911. ~~The report must be consolidated into one report~~
1184 ~~with the overvote and undervote report required under s.~~
1185 ~~101.595(1)~~. The report must ~~shall~~ contain, but is not limited
1186 to, the following items:

1187 (a) The overall accuracy of audit.

1188 (b) A description of any problems or differences
1189 ~~discrepancies~~ encountered.

1190 (c) The likely cause of such problems or differences
1191 ~~discrepancies~~.

1192 (d) Recommended corrective action with respect to avoiding
1193 or mitigating such circumstances in future elections.

1194 (6) The department shall consolidate each county's results
1195 and include the results as part of the post-general election
1196 report submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
1197 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 15
1198 of each year following a general election as required under this
1199 section and s. 101.595 ~~If a manual recount is undertaken~~
1200 ~~pursuant to s. 102.166, the canvassing board is not required to~~

1201 ~~perform the audit provided for in this section.~~

1202 Section 22. Section 101.5911, Florida Statutes, is amended
1203 to read:

1204 101.5911 Automated independent audit system; approval;
1205 ~~Rulemaking authority for voting system~~ audit procedures;
1206 rulemaking.—

1207 ~~(1) Effective upon this act becoming a law,~~ The department
1208 ~~of State~~ shall adopt rules to implement ~~the provisions of s.~~
1209 ~~101.591, as amended by s. 8, chapter 2007-30, Laws of Florida,~~
1210 which prescribe detailed pre-certification automated independent
1211 audit procedures for each voting system, which shall be uniform
1212 to the extent practicable, along with the standard report forms
1213 ~~form~~ for automated independent audit reports and processes.

1214 (2) The rules must provide, at a minimum, that such system
1215 be:

1216 (a) Completely independent of the voting systems approved
1217 for use in this state.

1218 (b) Fast enough to produce results within the timeframes
1219 prescribed in ss. 101.591 and 102.141.

1220 (c) Capable of demonstrating that the ballots of record
1221 have been accurately adjudicated by the automated independent
1222 audit system.

1223 (d) Capable of providing the canvassing board with the
1224 ability to review a digital image of a ballot that corresponds
1225 to the matching physical paper ballot for purposes of

1226 adjudication of ballots during manual ballot review.

1227 (e) Capable of identifying and sorting overvotes and
1228 undervotes for a given race or ballot measure, including
1229 simultaneously identifying and sorting overvotes and undervotes
1230 in multiple races while simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes
1231 and undervotes may be identified and sorted physically or
1232 digitally.

1233 Section 23. Section 101.595, Florida Statutes, is amended
1234 to read:

1235 101.595 Analysis of overvotes and undervotes; report
1236 ~~reports of voting problems.-~~

1237 (1) (a) No later than December 15 of each general election
1238 year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall report to
1239 the Department of State the total number of overvotes and
1240 undervotes in the "President and Vice President" or "Governor
1241 and Lieutenant Governor" race that appears first on the ballot
1242 or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot
1243 pursuant to s. 101.151(2), along with the likely reasons for
1244 such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be
1245 useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and
1246 identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which
1247 may have contributed to voter confusion. ~~This report must be~~
1248 ~~consolidated into one report with the audit report required~~
1249 ~~under s. 101.591(5).~~

1250 (b) (2) The Department of State, upon receipt of such

1251 information, shall prepare a public report on the performance of
1252 each type of voting system. The report must contain, but is not
1253 limited to, the following information:

1254 1.~~(a)~~ An identification of problems with the ballot design
1255 or instructions which may have contributed to voter confusion;

1256 2.~~(b)~~ An identification of voting system design problems;
1257 and

1258 3.~~(c)~~ Recommendations for correcting any problems
1259 identified.

1260 (2)~~(3)~~ The department ~~of State~~ shall submit the overvote
1261 and undervote analysis required under subsection (1) as part of
1262 the post-general election report to the Governor, the President
1263 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
1264 by February 15 of each year following a general election as
1265 required under ss. 101.591 and 101.595.

1266 Section 24. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
1267 101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1268 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.-

1269 (4)

1270 (d) Instructions must accompany the cure affidavit in
1271 substantially the following form:

1272 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE
1273 AFFIDAVIT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR
1274 BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1275 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will

1276 | be counted, your affidavit should be completed and returned as
1277 | soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of
1278 | elections of the county in which your precinct is located no
1279 | later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.

1280 | 2. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
1281 | Signature).

1282 | 3. You must make a copy of one of the following forms of
1283 | identification:

1284 | a. Tier 1 identification.—Current and valid identification
1285 | that includes your name and photograph: Florida driver license;
1286 | Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway
1287 | Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport or passport
1288 | card; United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit~~
1289 | ~~or credit card~~; ~~military identification~~; ~~student identification~~;
1290 | ~~retirement center identification~~; ~~neighborhood association~~
1291 | ~~identification~~; ~~public assistance~~ identification; veteran health
1292 | identification card issued by the United States Department of
1293 | Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
1294 | or firearm; or any ~~an~~ ~~employee~~ identification card issued by any
1295 | branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
1296 | the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1297 | b. Tier 2 identification.—ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TIER 1
1298 | FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, identification that shows your name and
1299 | current residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
1300 | government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding

1301 voter information card).

1302 4. Place the envelope bearing the affidavit into a mailing
 1303 envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy of your
 1304 identification in the mailing envelope. Mail (if time permits),
 1305 deliver, or have delivered the completed affidavit along with
 1306 the copy of your identification to your county supervisor of
 1307 elections. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed and
 1308 that the supervisor's address is correct. Remember, your
 1309 information MUST reach your county supervisor of elections no
 1310 later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election, or your
 1311 ballot will not count.

1312 5. Alternatively, you may fax or e-mail your completed
 1313 affidavit and a copy of your identification to the supervisor of
 1314 elections. If e-mailing, please provide these documents as
 1315 attachments.

1316 Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida
 1317 Statutes, is amended to read:

1318 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for
 1319 certain first-time voters.—

1320 (2) A voter covered by this section must be provided with
 1321 printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in
 1322 substantially the following form:

1323 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT.
 1324 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOUR BALLOT NOT
 1325 TO COUNT.

1326 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will
1327 be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as
1328 possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the
1329 county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on
1330 the date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter
1331 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general
1332 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated
1333 no later than the date of the election and received by the
1334 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are
1335 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the
1336 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less
1337 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is
1338 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the
1339 election.

1340 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.
1341 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so
1342 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1343 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for
1344 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote
1345 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in
1346 that race will not be counted.

1347 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy
1348 envelope and seal the envelope.

1349 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope
1350 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and

1351 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the
 1352 envelope.

1353 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
 1354 Signature).

1355 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date
 1356 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or
 1357 your ballot may not be counted.

1358 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and
 1359 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate
 1360 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at
 1361 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the
 1362 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the
 1363 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for
 1364 this election, send your signature update on a voter
 1365 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that
 1366 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

1367 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you
 1368 must make a copy of one of the following forms of
 1369 identification:

1370 a. Identification which must include your name and
 1371 photograph: United States passport or passport card; United
 1372 States uniformed services or Merchant Marine; ~~debit or credit~~
 1373 ~~card; military identification; student identification;~~
 1374 ~~retirement center identification; neighborhood association~~
 1375 ~~identification; public assistance identification; veteran health~~

1376 identification card issued by the United States Department of
 1377 Veterans Affairs; a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon
 1378 or firearm; or any ~~an employee~~ identification card issued by any
 1379 branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government,
 1380 the state, a county, or a municipality; or

1381 b. Identification which shows your name and current
 1382 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
 1383 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
 1384 voter information card).

1385 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply
 1386 if you meet one of the following requirements:

1387 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

1388 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

1389 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty
 1390 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the
 1391 county on election day.

1392 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason
 1393 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the
 1394 county on election day.

1395 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to
 1396 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active
 1397 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on
 1398 election day.

1399 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

1400 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into

1401 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy
 1402 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR
 1403 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR
 1404 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR
 1405 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

1406 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing
 1407 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

1408 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to
 1409 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote
 1410 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote
 1411 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under
 1412 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

1413 Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida
 1414 Statutes, is amended to read:

1415 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

1416 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 9 &
 1417 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 9 & a.m. on
 1418 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of
 1419 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office and
 1420 for each constitutional amendment. On days the Legislature
 1421 convenes for organizational session pursuant to s. 3(a), Art.
 1422 III of the State Constitution, such meeting will begin at 8 a.m.

1423 If a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted
 1424 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the
 1425 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a

1426 | typographical error occurred in the official returns of the
1427 | county, the correction of which could result in a change in the
1428 | outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify
1429 | corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,
1430 | and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and
1431 | recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

1432 | Section 27. Subsections (3) through (11) of section
1433 | 102.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1434 | 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

1435 | (3) The canvass, except the canvass of returned vote-by-
1436 | mail ballots ~~absent electors' returns~~ and the canvass of
1437 | provisional ballots, must ~~shall~~ be made from the returns and
1438 | certificates of the inspectors as signed and filed by them with
1439 | the supervisor, and the county canvassing board may ~~shall~~ not
1440 | change the number of votes cast for a candidate, nominee,
1441 | constitutional amendment, or other measure submitted to the
1442 | electorate of the county, respectively, in any polling place, as
1443 | shown by the returns. All returns must ~~shall~~ be made to the
1444 | board on or before 2 a.m. of the day following any primary,
1445 | general, or other election. If the returns from any precinct are
1446 | missing, if there are any omissions on the returns from any
1447 | precinct, or if there is an obvious error on any such returns,
1448 | the canvassing board must ~~shall~~ order a retabulation of the
1449 | returns from such precinct. Before canvassing such returns, the
1450 | canvassing board shall examine the tabulation of the ballots

1451 cast in such precinct and determine whether the returns
1452 correctly reflect the votes cast. If there is a discrepancy
1453 between the returns and the tabulation of the ballots cast, the
1454 tabulation of the ballots cast must ~~shall~~ be presumed correct
1455 and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.

1456 (4) (a) The supervisor of elections shall upload into the
1457 county's election management system by 7 p.m. local time on the
1458 day before the election the results of all early voting and
1459 vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by
1460 the end of the early voting period. Pursuant to ss. 101.5614(8),
1461 101.657, and 101.68(2), the tabulation of votes cast or the
1462 results of such uploads must ~~may~~ not be made public before the
1463 close of the polls on election day.

1464 (b) The supervisor of elections, on behalf of the
1465 canvassing board, shall report all early voting and all
1466 tabulated vote-by-mail results to the Department of State within
1467 30 minutes after the polls close. Thereafter, ~~the canvassing~~
1468 ~~board shall report,~~ with the exception of provisional ballot
1469 results, updated precinct election results shall be uploaded to
1470 the department at least every 45 minutes until all results are
1471 completely reported. The supervisor of elections shall notify
1472 the department immediately of any circumstances that do not
1473 permit periodic updates as required. Results must ~~shall~~ be
1474 submitted in a format prescribed by the department.

1475 (5) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in

1476 formats provided by the division unofficial returns to the
1477 Department of State for each federal, statewide, state, or
1478 multicounty office or ballot measure no later than noon on the
1479 third day after any primary election and no later than noon on
1480 the fourth day after any general or other election. Such returns
1481 must ~~shall~~ include the canvass of all ballots, including write-
1482 in votes, as required by subsection (2).

1483 (6) (a) After unofficial results are reported pursuant to
1484 subsection (5), each county shall conduct a pre-certification
1485 automated independent audit as set forth in s. 101.591, and
1486 compare the results to the results of the vote tabulation system
1487 for a candidate for any office, candidate for retention to a
1488 judicial office, or a measure appearing on the ballot.

1489 (b) The audit must be completed no later than noon on the
1490 6th day after any primary election and no later than noon on the
1491 7th day after any general or other election.

1492 (c) ~~(6)~~ If the comparison of the results of the vote
1493 tabulation system and the automated independent audit system
1494 reflects any difference in the way the two systems read a ballot
1495 or ballots, the county canvassing board or local ~~determines that~~
1496 ~~the unofficial returns may contain a counting error in which the~~
1497 ~~vote tabulation system failed to count votes that were properly~~
1498 ~~marked in accordance with the instructions on the ballot, the~~
1499 county canvassing board responsible for certifying the election
1500 must conduct a manual ballot review pursuant to subsection (7)

1501 shall:

1502 ~~(a) Correct the error and retabulate the affected ballots~~
1503 ~~with the vote tabulation system; or~~

1504 ~~(b) Request that the Department of State verify the~~
1505 ~~tabulation software. When the Department of State verifies such~~
1506 ~~software, the department shall compare the software used to~~
1507 ~~tabulate the votes with the software filed with the department~~
1508 ~~pursuant to s. 101.5607 and check the election parameters.~~

1509 (7) (a) If a manual ballot review is triggered pursuant to
1510 subsection (6) the unofficial returns reflect that a candidate
1511 for any office was defeated or eliminated by one-half of a
1512 percent or less of the votes cast for such office, that a
1513 candidate for retention to a judicial office was retained or not
1514 retained by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on
1515 the question of retention, or that a measure appearing on the
1516 ballot was approved or rejected by one-half of a percent or less
1517 of the votes cast on such measure, a recount shall be ordered of
1518 the votes cast with respect to such office or measure. The
1519 Secretary of State is responsible for ordering such review when
1520 the differences involve recounts in federal, state multicounty
1521 races, and any other multicounty races. The county canvassing
1522 board or the local board responsible for certifying the election
1523 is responsible for ordering a manual ballot review under this
1524 subsection ~~recounts~~ in all other races. A recount need not be
1525 ordered with respect to the returns for any office, however, if

1526 ~~the candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated from~~
1527 ~~contention for such office by one half of a percent or less of~~
1528 ~~the votes cast for such office request in writing that a recount~~
1529 ~~not be made.~~

1530 (b) To conduct the manual ballot review, the board shall
1531 use the digital images in the automated independent vote audit
1532 system of the ballots that were read differently by the systems.
1533 The review must also include, but not be limited to, a review
1534 pursuant to s. 102.166, of any overvotes or undervotes that
1535 appear in the automated independent vote audit system to
1536 adjudicate the voter intent of such ballots before certification
1537 of the county's official results. Nothing herein precludes a
1538 board involved in the manual ballot review from also reviewing
1539 the physical paper ballot corresponding to the digital image of
1540 a ballot.

1541 ~~(a) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~
1542 ~~recount shall put each marksense ballot through automatic~~
1543 ~~tabulating equipment and determine whether the returns correctly~~
1544 ~~reflect the votes cast. If any marksense ballot is physically~~
1545 ~~damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the automatic~~
1546 ~~tabulating equipment during the recount, a true duplicate shall~~
1547 ~~be made of the damaged ballot pursuant to the procedures in s.~~
1548 ~~101.5614(4). Immediately before the start of the recount, a test~~
1549 ~~of the tabulating equipment shall be conducted as provided in s.~~
1550 ~~101.5612. If the test indicates no error, the recount tabulation~~

1551 ~~of the ballots cast shall be presumed correct and such votes~~
1552 ~~shall be canvassed accordingly. If an error is detected, the~~
1553 ~~cause therefor shall be ascertained and corrected and the~~
1554 ~~recount repeated, as necessary. The canvassing board shall~~
1555 ~~immediately report the error, along with the cause of the error~~
1556 ~~and the corrective measures being taken, to the Department of~~
1557 ~~State. No later than 11 days after the election, the canvassing~~
1558 ~~board shall file a separate incident report with the Department~~
1559 ~~of State, detailing the resolution of the matter and identifying~~
1560 ~~any measures that will avoid a future recurrence of the error.~~
1561 ~~If the automatic tabulating equipment used in a recount is not~~
1562 ~~part of the voting system and the ballots have already been~~
1563 ~~processed through such equipment, the canvassing board is not~~
1564 ~~required to put each ballot through any automatic tabulating~~
1565 ~~equipment again.~~

1566 ~~(b) Each canvassing board responsible for conducting a~~
1567 ~~recount where touchscreen ballots were used shall examine the~~
1568 ~~counters on the precinct tabulators to ensure that the total of~~
1569 ~~the returns on the precinct tabulators equals the overall~~
1570 ~~election return. If there is a discrepancy between the overall~~
1571 ~~election return and the counters of the precinct tabulators, the~~
1572 ~~counters of the precinct tabulators shall be presumed correct~~
1573 ~~and such votes shall be canvassed accordingly.~~

1574 ~~(c) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in~~
1575 ~~formats provided by the division a second set of unofficial~~

1576 ~~returns to the Department of State for each federal, statewide,~~
1577 ~~state, or multicounty office or ballot measure. The returns~~
1578 ~~shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the 5th day after any~~
1579 ~~primary election and no later than 3 p.m. on the 9th day after~~
1580 ~~any general election in which a recount was ordered by the~~
1581 ~~Secretary of State. If the canvassing board is unable to~~
1582 ~~complete the recount prescribed in this subsection by the~~
1583 ~~deadline, the second set of unofficial returns submitted by the~~
1584 ~~canvassing board shall be identical to the initial unofficial~~
1585 ~~returns and the submission shall also include a detailed~~
1586 ~~explanation of why it was unable to timely complete the recount.~~
1587 ~~However, the canvassing board shall complete the recount~~
1588 ~~prescribed in this subsection, along with any manual recount~~
1589 ~~prescribed in s. 102.166, and certify election returns in~~
1590 ~~accordance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

1591 ~~(d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules~~
1592 ~~prescribing additional recount procedures for each certified~~
1593 ~~voting system, which shall be uniform to the extent practicable.~~

1594 (c)(8) The canvassing board may employ such clerical help
1595 to assist with the work of the board as it deems necessary, with
1596 at least one member of the board present at all times, until the
1597 canvass of the returns is completed. The clerical help shall be
1598 paid from the same fund as inspectors and other necessary
1599 election officials.

1600 (d) The canvassing board shall publish notice of the

1601 manual ballot review, including the date, time, and place such
1602 review will occur, on the county website as provided in s.
1603 50.0311, on the supervisor of elections' website, or once in one
1604 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which
1605 the review will occur. Any manual review of ballots under this
1606 section and s. 102.166 is open to the public. Each political
1607 party may designate one person with expertise in the computer
1608 field who shall be allowed in the central counting room when all
1609 reviews are being conducted and when the official votes are
1610 being counted. The designee may not interfere with the normal
1611 operation of the canvassing board.

1612 (e) The canvassing board shall submit on forms or in
1613 formats provided by the division a manual ballot review report
1614 no later than the submission of the official returns in
1615 accordance with paragraph (5) (b). If the canvassing board is
1616 unable to complete the manual ballot review before official
1617 results are due, the board shall certify the unofficial returns
1618 as the official returns. The manual ballot review must still be
1619 completed and the report shall include a detailed explanation of
1620 why the county was unable to timely complete the manual ballot
1621 review.

1622 (f) The department shall submit the analysis of these the
1623 manual ballot review reports as part of the post-general for the
1624 general election report as part of the consolidated reports
1625 required under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor, the

1626 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
1627 Representatives by February 15 of each year following a general
1628 election.

1629 (g) The department shall adopt detailed rules prescribing
1630 additional system manual review procedures for each certified
1631 voting system, which must be uniform to the extent practicable.

1632 (8)-(9) Each member, substitute member, and alternate
1633 member of the county canvassing board and all clerical help must
1634 wear identification badges during any period in which the county
1635 canvassing board is canvassing votes or engaging in other
1636 official duties. The identification badges should be worn in a
1637 conspicuous and unobstructed area, and include the name of the
1638 individual and his or her official position.

1639 (9)-(10)(a) The supervisor shall file a report with the
1640 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later
1641 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission
1642 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe
1643 all of the following:

1644 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct
1645 level, at a counting location, or within computer and
1646 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, and
1647 the steps that were taken to address the malfunctions.

1648 2. All election definition errors that were discovered
1649 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken
1650 to address the errors.

1651 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing
1652 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken
1653 to address the errors or problems.

1654 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by
1655 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the
1656 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during
1657 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to
1658 correct such issues.

1659 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment
1660 were insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.

1661 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or
1662 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

1663 7. Any issues encountered with any state-approved election
1664 system, including, but not limited to, vote tabulation systems
1665 and automated independent audit systems, and the steps that were
1666 taken to address the issues.

1667 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional
1668 information on any of the items required to be included in the
1669 report pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the
1670 supervisor must notify the division that new information has
1671 been discovered no later than the next business day after the
1672 discovery, and the supervisor must file an amended report signed
1673 by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of the election
1674 within 10 days after the discovery.

1675 (c) Such reports must be maintained on file in the

1676 Division of Elections and must be available for public
 1677 inspection.

1678 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election
 1679 reports to determine what problems may be likely to occur in
 1680 other elections and disseminate such information, along with
 1681 possible solutions and training, to the supervisors of
 1682 elections.

1683 (e) The department shall submit the analysis of these
 1684 reports as part of ~~for~~ the post-general ~~general~~ election report
 1685 ~~as part of the consolidated reports~~ required under ss. 101.591
 1686 and 101.595 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
 1687 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 15 of
 1688 each year following a general election.

1689 ~~(11) The supervisor shall file with the department a copy~~
 1690 ~~of or an export file from the results database of the county's~~
 1691 ~~voting system and other statistical information as may be~~
 1692 ~~required by the department, the Legislature, or the Election~~
 1693 ~~Assistance Commission. The department shall adopt rules~~
 1694 ~~establishing the required content and acceptable formats for the~~
 1695 ~~filings and time for filings.~~

1696 Section 28. Section 102.166, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1697 to read:

1698 102.166 Manual review ~~recounts~~ of overvotes and
 1699 undervotes; voter intent.-

1700 ~~(1) If the second set of unofficial returns pursuant to s.~~

1701 ~~102.141 indicates that a candidate for any office was defeated~~
1702 ~~or eliminated by one-quarter of a percent or less of the votes~~
1703 ~~cast for such office, that a candidate for retention to a~~
1704 ~~judicial office was retained or not retained by one-quarter of a~~
1705 ~~percent or less of the votes cast on the question of retention,~~
1706 ~~or that a measure appearing on the ballot was approved or~~
1707 ~~rejected by one-quarter of a percent or less of the votes cast~~
1708 ~~on such measure, a manual recount of the overvotes and~~
1709 ~~undervotes cast in the entire geographic jurisdiction of such~~
1710 ~~office or ballot measure shall be ordered unless:~~

1711 ~~(a) The candidate or candidates defeated or eliminated~~
1712 ~~from contention by one-quarter of 1 percent or fewer of the~~
1713 ~~votes cast for such office request in writing that a recount not~~
1714 ~~be made; or~~

1715 ~~(b) The number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than~~
1716 ~~the number of votes needed to change the outcome of the~~
1717 ~~election.~~

1718
1719 ~~The Secretary of State is responsible for ordering a manual~~
1720 ~~recount for federal, state, and multicounty races. The county~~
1721 ~~canvassing board or local board responsible for certifying the~~
1722 ~~election is responsible for ordering a manual recount for all~~
1723 ~~other races. A manual recount consists of a recount of marksense~~
1724 ~~ballots or of digital images of these ballots by a person.~~

1725 (1)~~(2)~~ Any hardware or software used to identify and sort

1726 | overvotes and undervotes for a given race or ballot measure must
1727 | be certified by the Department of State. Any such hardware or
1728 | software must be capable of simultaneously identifying and
1729 | sorting overvotes and undervotes in multiple races while
1730 | simultaneously counting votes. Overvotes and undervotes must be
1731 | identified and sorted while reviewing ~~recounting ballots~~
1732 | pursuant to s. 102.141. Overvotes and undervotes may be
1733 | identified and sorted physically or digitally.

1734 | (2) ~~(3)~~ Any manual review of ballots must ~~recount~~ ~~shall~~ be
1735 | open to the public. Each political party may designate one
1736 | person with expertise in the computer field who must be allowed
1737 | in the central counting room when the manual review is being
1738 | conducted and when the official votes are being counted. The
1739 | designee may not interfere with the normal operation of the
1740 | canvassing board.

1741 | (3) ~~(4)~~ (a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure must
1742 | ~~shall~~ be counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot
1743 | that the voter has made a definite choice.

1744 | (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for
1745 | the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified
1746 | voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication
1747 | on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The
1748 | rules must ~~shall~~ be consistent, to the extent practicable, and
1749 | may not:

1750 | 1. Authorize the use of only ~~any electronic or~~

1751 ~~electromechanical reading device to review a hybrid voting~~
1752 ~~system ballot that is produced using a voter interface device~~
1753 ~~and that contains both machine-readable fields~~ to interpret ~~and~~
1754 ~~machine-printed text of the contest titles and voter selections,~~
1755 unless the printed text, which is required, is illegible;

1756 2. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark
1757 or designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

1758 3. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify
1759 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication
1760 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

1761 (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must
1762 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

1763 1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a
1764 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or
1765 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to
1766 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

1767 2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
1768 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a
1769 similar name.

1770 3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or
1771 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar
1772 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as
1773 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the
1774 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle
1775 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,

1776 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation
 1777 of a political party.

1778 4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified
 1779 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which
 1780 the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the
 1781 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or
 1782 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

1783 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a
 1784 candidate is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political
 1785 party to which the candidate does not belong, including those in
 1786 which the party designated has another candidate in the race or
 1787 does not have a candidate in the race.

1788 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,
 1789 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that
 1790 the same political party designation applies to all listed
 1791 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed
 1792 ballot measures.

1793 7. Situations in which an elector designates the name of a
 1794 qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

1795 8. Situations in which an elector designates an otherwise
 1796 correct office name that includes an incorrect district number.

1797 ~~(4)-(5)~~ Procedures for a manual ballot review ~~recount~~ are
 1798 as follows:

1799 (a) The county canvassing board shall appoint as many
 1800 counting teams of at least two electors as is necessary to

1801 manually review ~~recount~~ the ballots. A counting team must have,
 1802 when possible, members of at least two political parties. A
 1803 candidate involved in the race may ~~shall~~ not be a member of the
 1804 counting team.

1805 (b) Each duplicate ballot prepared pursuant to s.
 1806 101.5614(4) or s. 102.141 ~~s. 102.141(7)~~ shall be compared with
 1807 the original ballot to ensure the correctness of the duplicate.

1808 (c) If a counting team is unable to determine whether the
 1809 ballot contains a clear indication that the voter has made a
 1810 definite choice, the ballot must ~~shall~~ be presented to the
 1811 county canvassing board for a determination.

1812 (d) The Department of State shall adopt detailed rules
 1813 prescribing additional manual ballot review ~~recount~~ procedures
 1814 for each certified voting system which must ~~shall~~ be uniform to
 1815 the extent practicable. The rules must ~~shall~~ address, at a
 1816 minimum, the following areas:

- 1817 1. Security of ballots during the review ~~recount~~ process.†
- 1818 2. Time and place of the review. ~~recounts;†~~
- 1819 3. Public observance of the review. ~~recounts;†~~
- 1820 4. Objections to ballot determinations.†
- 1821 5. Record of the review ~~recount~~ proceedings.†
- 1822 6. Procedures relating to candidate and petitioner
 1823 representatives.†~~and~~
- 1824 7. Procedures relating to the certification and the use of
 1825 automatic tabulating equipment that is not part of a voting

1826 system.

1827 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county canvassing
 1828 board or local board involved in the manual ballot review
 1829 ~~recount~~ from comparing a digital image of a ballot to the
 1830 corresponding physical paper ballot during a manual review
 1831 ~~recount~~.

1832 Section 29. Effective July 1, 2026, section 104.042,
 1833 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1834 104.042 Limitations on actions for election fraud.—A
 1835 prosecution for a felony violation under the Election Code must
 1836 be commenced within 5 years after the date the violation is
 1837 committed.

1838 Section 30. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph (a) of
 1839 subsection (12) of section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended,
 1840 paragraphs (c) through (g) are added to that subsection, and
 1841 paragraph (b) of that subsection is reenacted, to read:

1842 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

1843 (12)(a)1. For purposes of this subsection, the term
 1844 "foreign national" means:

1845 a. A foreign government;

1846 b. A foreign political party;

1847 c. A foreign corporation, partnership, association,
 1848 organization, or other combination of persons organized under
 1849 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a
 1850 foreign country;

1851 d. A person with foreign citizenship; or
 1852 e. A person who is not a citizen or national of the United
 1853 States and is not lawfully admitted to the United States for
 1854 permanent residence.

1855 2. The term does not include:

1856 a. A person who is a dual citizen or dual national of the
 1857 United States and a foreign country.

1858 b. A domestic subsidiary of a foreign corporation,
 1859 partnership, association, organization, or other combination of
 1860 persons organized under the laws of or having its principal
 1861 place of business in a foreign country if:

1862 (I) The donations and disbursements used toward a
 1863 contribution or an expenditure are derived entirely from funds
 1864 generated by the subsidiary's operations in the United States;
 1865 and

1866 (II) All decisions concerning donations and disbursements
 1867 used toward a contribution or an expenditure are made by
 1868 individuals who either hold United States citizenship or are
 1869 permanent residents of the United States. For purposes of this
 1870 sub-sub-subparagraph, decisions concerning donations and
 1871 disbursements do not include decisions regarding the
 1872 subsidiary's overall budget for contributions or expenditures in
 1873 connection with an election or decisions regarding the
 1874 subsidiary's support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1875 (b) A foreign national may not make or offer to make,

1876 directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in
1877 connection with any election held in the state.

1878 (c) A political party, a political committee, an
1879 electioneering communications organization, or a candidate may
1880 not knowingly and willfully accept or solicit, directly or
1881 indirectly, a contribution from a foreign national in connection
1882 with any election held in this state.

1883 (d) A person, acting either alone or jointly with,
1884 through, or on behalf of another person, who has knowingly and
1885 willfully received monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from
1886 one or more foreign nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding
1887 \$100,000 over the preceding 4 years, may not make a contribution
1888 or independent expenditure:

1889 1. To a political committee supporting or opposing an
1890 issue in this state; or

1891 2. In support or opposition of an issue in this state.

1892 (e) A political committee supporting or opposing an issue
1893 in this state may not knowingly and willfully accept
1894 contributions from a person, acting either alone or jointly
1895 with, through, or on behalf of another person, who has received
1896 monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more foreign
1897 nationals in an aggregate amount exceeding \$100,000 over the
1898 preceding 4 years.

1899 (f) For purposes of compliance with subsections (d) and
1900 (e), monetary or in-kind donations or gifts from one or more

1901 foreign nationals received by a domestic subsidiary who meets
 1902 the requirements of subparagraph (a)2. shall not count towards
 1903 the \$100,000 aggregate threshold provided in subsections (d) and
 1904 (e), as long as the monetary or in-kind donations or gifts
 1905 received are not used for political activity by the domestic
 1906 subsidiary.

1907 (g) A person or entity who violates this subsection
 1908 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
 1909 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall also be subject
 1910 to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount contributed.
 1911 Such penalty shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund. Any
 1912 penalty imposed against a person that is not an individual
 1913 jointly and severally attaches to the chair of the entity if the
 1914 entity does not pay the penalty within 30 days. The Florida
 1915 Elections Commission shall be responsible for determining
 1916 violations, imposing civil penalties, and collecting any unpaid
 1917 civil penalties. The Florida Elections Commission shall report
 1918 any violations of this subsection to the Office of Election
 1919 Crimes and Security to include in the department's report under
 1920 s. 97.022.

1921 Section 31. Section 322.034, Florida Statutes, is created
 1922 to read:

1923 322.034 Legal status designation on state-issued driver
 1924 licenses and identification cards.—

1925 (1) By July 1, 2027, a Florida driver license or Florida

1926 | identification card issued to a qualified applicant who is a
 1927 | United States citizen as last recorded in the system must
 1928 | include the legal status of United States citizen on the license
 1929 | or card at the time of issuance, renewal, or replacement.

1930 | (2) Notwithstanding this chapter, the department shall
 1931 | issue, at no charge, a renewal or replacement license or card if
 1932 | a licensee or cardholder timely updates his or her legal status
 1933 | upon becoming a citizen of the United States as required in s.
 1934 | 322.19.

1935 | Section 32. Effective July 1, 2026, paragraph (d) of
 1936 | subsection (8) of section 895.02, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1937 | to read:

1938 | 895.02 Definitions.—As used in ss. 895.01-895.08, the
 1939 | term:

1940 | (8) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to
 1941 | commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or
 1942 | intimidate another person to commit:

1943 | (d) Any ~~A violation of chapter 104 the Florida Election~~
 1944 | ~~Code relating to irregularities or fraud involving issue~~
 1945 | ~~petition activities.~~

1946 | Section 33. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 98.065,
 1947 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1948 | 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

1949 | (5) A notice may not be issued pursuant to this section
 1950 | and a voter's name may not be removed from the statewide voter

1951 registration system later than 90 days prior to the date of a
1952 federal election. However, this section does not preclude the
1953 correction of registration records based on information
1954 submitted by the voter or removal of the name of a voter from
1955 the statewide voter registration system at any time upon the
1956 voter's written request, by reason of the voter's death, or upon
1957 a determination of the voter's ineligibility as provided in s.
1958 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~.

1959 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual
1960 review of voter registration records to identify registration
1961 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may
1962 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those
1963 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has
1964 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the
1965 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant
1966 to s. 98.075(7) ~~s. 98.075(6)~~ and (8) ~~(7)~~.

1967 Section 34. Section 98.0755, Florida Statutes, is amended
1968 to read:

1969 98.0755 Appeal of determination of ineligibility.—Appeal
1970 of the supervisor's determination of ineligibility pursuant to
1971 s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ may be taken to the circuit court in
1972 and for the county where the person was registered. Notice of
1973 appeal must be filed within the time and in the manner provided
1974 by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and acts as
1975 supersedeas. Trial in the circuit court is de novo and governed

1976 | by the rules of that court. Unless the person can show that his
 1977 | or her name was erroneously or illegally removed from the
 1978 | statewide voter registration system, or that he or she is
 1979 | indigent, the person must bear the costs of the trial in the
 1980 | circuit court. Otherwise, the cost of the appeal must be paid by
 1981 | the supervisor of elections.

1982 | Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 1983 | 101.5614, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1984 | 101.5614 Canvass of returns.—

1985 | (4)(a) If any vote-by-mail ballot is physically damaged so
 1986 | that it cannot properly be counted by the voting system's
 1987 | automatic tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy shall be
 1988 | made of the damaged ballot in an open and accessible room in the
 1989 | presence of witnesses and substituted for the damaged ballot.
 1990 | Likewise, a duplicate ballot shall be made of a vote-by-mail
 1991 | ballot containing an overvoted race if there is a clear
 1992 | indication on the ballot that the voter has made a definite
 1993 | choice in the overvoted race or ballot measure. A duplicate
 1994 | shall include all valid votes as determined by the canvassing
 1995 | board based on rules adopted by the division pursuant to
 1996 | s.101.5614 ~~s. 102.166(4)~~. A duplicate may be made of a ballot
 1997 | containing an undervoted race or ballot measure if there is a
 1998 | clear indication on the ballot that the voter has made a
 1999 | definite choice in the undervoted race or ballot measure. A
 2000 | duplicate may not include a vote if the voter's intent in such

2001 race or on such measure is not clear. Upon request, a physically
2002 present candidate, a political party official, a political
2003 committee official, or an authorized designee thereof, must be
2004 allowed to observe the duplication of ballots upon signing an
2005 affidavit affirming his or her acknowledgment that disclosure of
2006 election results discerned from observing the ballot duplication
2007 process while the election is ongoing is a felony, as provided
2008 under subsection (8). The observer must be allowed to observe
2009 the duplication of ballots in such a way that the observer is
2010 able to see the markings on each ballot and the duplication
2011 taking place. All duplicate ballots must be clearly labeled
2012 "duplicate," bear a serial number which shall be recorded on the
2013 defective ballot, and be counted in lieu of the defective
2014 ballot. The duplication of ballots must happen in the presence
2015 of at least one canvassing board member. After a ballot has been
2016 duplicated, the defective ballot shall be placed in an envelope
2017 provided for that purpose, and the duplicate ballot shall be
2018 tallied with the other ballots for that precinct. If any
2019 observer makes a reasonable objection to a duplicate of a
2020 ballot, the ballot must be presented to the canvassing board for
2021 a determination of the validity of the duplicate. The canvassing
2022 board must document the serial number of the ballot in the
2023 canvassing board's minutes. The canvassing board must decide
2024 whether the duplication is valid. If the duplicate ballot is
2025 determined to be valid, the duplicate ballot must be counted. If

2026 | the duplicate ballot is determined to be invalid, the duplicate
 2027 | ballot must be rejected and a proper duplicate ballot must be
 2028 | made and counted in lieu of the original.

2029 | Section 36. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 2030 | 101.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2031 | 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for
 2032 | receiving vote-by-mail ballots.—

2033 | (1)

2034 | (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections
 2035 | shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person
 2036 | to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s.~~
 2037 | ~~98.075(7)~~, but for whom a final determination of eligibility has
 2038 | not been made, and shall treat them as provisional ballots for
 2039 | individual review by the county canvassing board. The supervisor
 2040 | shall attempt to contact each voter whose ballot has been set
 2041 | aside under this paragraph in the same manner as if the voter
 2042 | had voted a provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

2043 | Section 37. Subsection (2) of section 104.16, Florida
 2044 | Statutes, is amended to read:

2045 | 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.—

2046 | (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom
 2047 | notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(8) ~~s. 98.075(7)~~ and
 2048 | who votes a provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a
 2049 | final determination of eligibility is made.

2050 | Section 38. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this

2051 | act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
2052 | becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.