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2 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.012,
3 F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to provide
4 mandatory formal signature matching training to
5 specified persons; requiring the Department of State
6 to adopt specified rules; amending s. 97.052, F.S.;
7 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
8 amending s. 97.057, F.S.; conforming a cross
9 reference; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; requiring that
10 third-party voter registration organizations provide
11 to the Division of Elections the general election
12 cycle for which they are registering persons to vote,
13 beginning on a certain date; requiring that third
14 party voter registration organizations provide to the
15 division certain affirmations; providing that a third
16 party voter registration organization is liable for
17 certain fines in certain circumstances; providing that
18 the registration of such organizations expires at the
19 conclusion of the organizations' lawful
20 responsibilities following such election cycle,
21 beginning on a certain date; requiring such
22 organizations to provide applicants with a specified
23 receipt; requiring the division to adopt by rule a
24 uniform format for such receipt by a specified date;
25 revising the timeframe within which such organizations
26 must deliver applications to the division or a
27 supervisor of elections; revising the fines for
28 failure to submit applications to the division or the
29 supervisor within the specified timeframe; prohibiting
30 a person collecting applications on behalf of a third
31 party voter registration organization from copying
32 specified information from the application for reasons
33 other than complying with specified requirements;
34 providing criminal penalties; prohibiting
35 organizations from providing prefilled voter
36 registration applications to applicants; providing
37 civil penalties; providing for retroactive
38 application; amending s. 97.071, F.S.; revising the
39 contents of voter information cards; providing
40 construction; providing applicability; amending s.
41 98.065, F.S.; revising the procedures a supervisor
42 must incorporate as part of his or her list
43 maintenance program; deleting a provision relating to
44 the address to which certain voter registration mail
45 must be addressed; revising requirements applicable to

46 registration list maintenance programs; requiring a
47 supervisor to conduct a certain review of voter
48 registration records at least annually and take
49 certain actions; amending s. 98.0655, F.S.; deleting a
50 provision that requires an address confirmation
51 request to include a certain statement; amending s.
52 98.075, F.S.; deleting the scheduled repeal of a
53 public records exemption for certain voter
54 registration information from another state or the
55 District of Columbia; requiring the supervisor to
56 remove the name of a registered voter from the
57 statewide voter registration system within a specified
58 timeframe if certain conditions exist; requiring the
59 supervisor to coordinate with his or her respective
60 clerk of the court to obtain information of those
61 registered voters convicted of a felony who have not
62 had their voting rights restored; requiring a
63 supervisor to adhere to specified procedures before
64 the removal of a registered voter from the statewide
65 voter registration system; providing construction;
66 requiring the notice that the supervisor must provide
67 to a potentially ineligible voter to include a
68 specified statement; authorizing a supervisor to post
69 a specified notice on the county's website or the
70 supervisor's website; requiring the notice to contain
71 specified statements; requiring the supervisor to make
72 a final determination of the voter's eligibility
73 within a specified timeframe and remove the name of a
74 registered voter within a specified timeframe if the
75 registered voter fails to respond or responds in a
76 certain manner to certain notices; requiring the
77 supervisor to review evidence and make a determination
78 of eligibility within a specified timeframe in certain
79 circumstances; requiring the supervisor to remove an
80 ineligible voter within a specified timeframe and
81 notify the voter that he or she has the right to
82 appeal the determination of ineligibility; requiring
83 the supervisor to schedule and issue notice of a
84 hearing within a specified timeframe after receiving
85 the voter's hearing request; requiring that the
86 hearing be held within a specified timeframe;
87 authorizing the voter to request an extension;
88 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
89 amending s. 98.077, F.S.; deleting a reference to the
90 department from a provision requiring correspondence
91 to include certain information; requiring a supervisor
92 to publish a specified notice in a newspaper, on the
93 county's website, or on the supervisor's website;
94 requiring that signature updates used to verify
95 signatures on ballot certificates or petitions be
96 received by the supervisor before the voter's ballot
97 is received, his or her provisional ballot is cast, or
98 the petition is submitted for signature verification;
99 requiring the supervisor to use the signature on file

100 at the time the vote-by-mail ballot is received, the
101 provisional ballot is cast, or the petition is
102 reviewed; providing an exception; amending s. 98.093,
103 F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to weekly
104 furnish a specified list to the Department of State;
105 requiring clerks of the circuit court to weekly
106 furnish specified information to the Department of
107 State; requiring the clerks to provide certain
108 information to the department for specified purposes;
109 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to
110 identify and report specified persons to the
111 Department of State at least weekly; requiring the
112 Florida Commission on Offender Review to furnish data
113 on clemency to the Department of State at least
114 weekly; requiring the Department of Corrections to
115 identify persons convicted of a felony and committed
116 to its custody, and to provide such information to the
117 Department of State, at least weekly; requiring the
118 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
119 weekly furnish specified information to the Department
120 of State; revising construction; making technical
121 changes; amending s. 98.0981, F.S.; requiring
122 supervisors to submit specified reports to the
123 department within a specified timeframe; requiring
124 supervisors to prepare a reconciliation report and
125 submit such report to the department; providing
126 requirements for, and the required format of, the
127 report; revising the requirement that supervisors
128 transmit to the department, in a specified format, the
129 completely updated voting history information for each
130 qualified voter who voted; defining the term "unique
131 precinct identifier"; requiring supervisors to submit
132 a specified geographical information system map to the
133 department; requiring the department to submit an
134 election summary report containing certain information
135 to the Legislature following the certification by the
136 Elections Canvassing Commission of specified
137 elections; deleting certain file specifications;
138 revising the timeframe for a supervisor to collect and
139 submit to the department precinct-level election
140 results after certification by the commission of
141 specified elections; revising the procedures for
142 compiling such results; requiring the supervisor to
143 research and address questions or issues identified by
144 the department in such results; requiring the
145 supervisor to provide amended precinct-level election
146 results to the department within a specified
147 timeframe, if certain conditions exist; requiring the
148 department to publish such results online within a
149 specified timeframe; specifying requirements for the
150 website; requiring certain files to be created in
151 accordance with, and providing requirements for, a
152 certain rule; defining the term "unique precinct
153 identifier"; providing the timeframe within which the

154 department must compile and make available certain
155 precinct-level statistical data; requiring the
156 department to adopt specified rules; amending s.
157 99.012, F.S.; defining the term "qualify" for purposes
158 of restrictions on individuals qualifying for public
159 office; revising applicability; providing
160 construction; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the
161 form of the candidate oath to require that candidates
162 acknowledge certain outstanding fines, fees, or
163 penalties relating to ethics or campaign finance
164 violations; creating s. 99.0215, F.S.; requiring a
165 candidate to designate in the candidate's oath the
166 name he or she wishes to have printed on the ballot,
167 subject to specified conditions; requiring a candidate
168 to file a specified affidavit simultaneously with the
169 oath if the candidate wishes to use a nickname, which
170 is subject to certain conditions; defining the term
171 "political slogan"; prohibiting the use of a
172 professional title or degree except in specified
173 circumstances; amending s. 99.097, F.S.; requiring the
174 person or organization that submits signatures for a
175 local or statewide issue to pay the supervisor in
176 advance for checking the signatures; making technical
177 changes; amending s. 100.021, F.S.; providing
178 alternative methods for providing notice of a general
179 election; amending s. 100.141, F.S.; revising the
180 methods by which a supervisor may publish notice of a
181 special election; amending s. 100.342, F.S.;
182 specifying that the notice for a special election or
183 referendum may be published on the county's website,
184 the municipality's website, or the supervisor's
185 website, as applicable; amending s. 101.001, F.S.;
186 revising requirements for specified maps maintained by
187 supervisors of elections; authorizing supervisors of
188 elections to coordinate with other governmental
189 entities for a certain purpose; deleting a provision
190 requiring supervisors to provide the department
191 certain data on precincts in the county; deleting a
192 provision requiring the department to maintain a
193 certain database; requiring supervisors of elections
194 to include changes in the name of a precinct in a
195 certain document; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; providing
196 that specified persons are entitled to vote a
197 provisional ballot; amending s. 101.151, F.S.;
198 requiring the word "incumbent" to appear next to a
199 candidate's name on an election ballot under specified
200 conditions; amending s. 101.5612, F.S.; revising the
201 methods by which certain notice may be provided;
202 amending s. 101.6103, F.S.; conforming a cross
203 reference; making technical changes; amending s.
204 101.62, F.S.; specifying that a supervisor must accept
205 requests for vote-by-mail ballots only from specified
206 persons; providing that a request may be made through
207 a supervisor's website; requiring the department to

208 adopt by rule a uniform statewide application for a
209 written request for a vote-by-mail ballot by a
210 specified date; requiring a supervisor to cancel a
211 request for a vote-by-mail ballot if certain mail sent
212 by the supervisor to the voter is returned to the
213 supervisor as undeliverable; requiring a voter who
214 subsequently requests a vote-by-mail ballot to provide
215 or confirm his or her current residential address;
216 requiring the supervisor to add certain information to
217 the voter's registration record if such information is
218 provided in the vote-by-mail request; revising the
219 definition of the term "immediate family"; deleting a
220 provision requiring vote-by-mail ballot requests to be
221 received by a specified time before the supervisor
222 mails a vote-by-mail ballot; revising the day after
223 which a supervisor may not mail a vote-by-mail ballot;
224 providing the deadline for submitting a vote-by-mail
225 ballot request; revising the means by which and the
226 period during which a supervisor must provide a vote
227 by-mail ballot to a voter; prohibiting a supervisor
228 from personally delivering a vote-by-mail ballot to
229 certain voters or delivering a vote-by-mail ballot to
230 certain voters' designees during a certain period
231 unless certain conditions exist; making technical
232 changes; amending s. 101.67, F.S.; requiring the
233 supervisor to segregate and treat certain ballots as
234 provisional; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; prohibiting
235 vote-by-mail ballots from being counted if two or more
236 ballots arrive in one mailing envelope; making
237 technical changes; amending s. 101.6923, F.S.;
238 requiring that a specified statement be included in a
239 vote-by-mail ballot provided to certain voters; making
240 technical changes; amending s. 101.6925, F.S.;
241 revising the deadline for a voter to make specified
242 information available to the supervisor before a vote
243 by-mail ballot may be canvassed; amending s. 101.694,
244 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.
245 101.71, F.S.; revising the methods by which certain
246 notice may be provided; requiring certain public, tax
247 supported buildings to be made available for use as
248 early voting locations upon the request of the
249 supervisor; amending s. 101.733, F.S.; revising the
250 methods by which certain notice may be provided;
251 amending s. 102.111, F.S.; revising the time at which
252 the Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet to
253 certify returns; amending s. 102.112, F.S.; revising
254 the timeframe in which county returns must be filed
255 with the department; amending s. 102.141, F.S.;
256 requiring a certain number of alternate canvassing
257 board members; revising the methods by which certain
258 notice may be provided; requiring the supervisor to
259 file a report with the Division of Elections within a
260 specified timeframe; revising the requirements for the
261 report; requiring the division to review the report

262 and offer specified training to supervisors based on
263 the report; requiring the department to submit an
264 analysis of specified reports to the Governor and the
265 Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 103.021,
266 F.S.; revising the timeframe within which a political
267 party executive committee must submit its presidential
268 electors to the Governor for nomination; requiring the
269 state executive committee of each party to submit
270 specified information; requiring that electors be
271 qualified registered voters and members of the
272 political party for which they are named as electors;
273 specifying that a required oath be made in writing;
274 revising the timeframe within which the Governor must
275 certify the electors to the department; revising the
276 timeframe within which a minor political party must
277 submit its list of presidential electors to the
278 department; requiring presidential electors to file
279 with the Governor a certain written oath; providing
280 that certain acts constitute a resignation of the
281 position of presidential elector; amending s. 103.022,
282 F.S.; requiring certain write-in candidates to submit
283 specified information; amending s. 103.091, F.S.;

284 authorizing a qualifying office to accept and hold
285 qualifying papers for candidates for political party
286 offices within a specified timeframe before the
287 qualifying period; amending s. 104.16, F.S.; providing
288 applicability; amending s. 104.18, F.S.; providing
289 that a prosecution for voting more than one ballot may
290 proceed in any jurisdiction in which a ballot was
291 willfully cast; providing that it is not necessary to
292 prove which ballot was cast first; defining the term
293 "votes more than one ballot at any election"; amending
294 s. 104.42, F.S.; authorizing a supervisor to report
295 certain findings to the Office of Election Crimes and
296 Security rather than the Florida Elections Commission;
297 amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising the form of the
298 candidate's oath to require that candidates for
299 judicial office acknowledge certain outstanding fines,
300 fees, or penalties relating to ethics or campaign
301 finance violations; amending s. 106.03, F.S.;

302 requiring the division to adopt specified rules;
303 amending s. 106.07, F.S.; revising reporting intervals
304 for candidates and political committees from monthly
305 to quarterly; preempting local governments from
306 establishing reporting schedules that differ from
307 certain requirements; conforming a cross-reference;
308 amending s. 106.0702, F.S.; conforming a cross
309 reference; amending s. 106.0703, F.S.; revising
310 reporting intervals for electioneering communications
311 organizations from monthly to quarterly; conforming a
312 cross-reference; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; adding text
313 messages to the items that do not constitute
314 contributions to be counted toward certain
315 contribution limits; creating s. 106.1436, F.S.;

316 defining the term "voter guide"; prohibiting a person
317 from representing that a voter guide is an official
318 publication of a political party; providing an
319 exception; providing disclosure requirements for such
320 voter guides; providing criminal penalties and fines;
321 amending s. 106.265, F.S.; increasing the maximum
322 civil fines that may be imposed for specified
323 violations; providing that fines assessed against a
324 political committee also attach jointly and severally
325 to the chair of the political committee under
326 specified conditions; amending s. 322.142, F.S.;

327 authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
328 Vehicles to provide certain reproductions to a
329 supervisor of elections; providing effective dates.

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

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333 Section 1. Subsection (17) of section 97.012, Florida
334 Statutes, is amended to read:335 97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.—The
336 Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state,
337 and it is his or her responsibility to:338 (17) Provide mandatory formal signature matching training
339 to supervisors of elections and county canvassing board members.
340 Any person whose duties require verification of signatures must
341 undergo signature matching training. The department shall adopt
342 rules governing signature matching procedures and training.343 Section 2. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section
344 97.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

345 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

346 (3) The uniform statewide voter registration application
347 must also contain:348 (g) A statement informing the applicant that if the
349 application is being collected by a third-party voter
350 registration organization, the organization might not deliver
351 the application to the division or the supervisor in the county
352 in which the applicant resides in less than 10 ~~14~~ days or before
353 registration closes for the next ensuing election, and that the
354 applicant may instead elect to deliver the application in person
355 or by mail or choose to register online. The statement must
356 further inform the applicant how to determine whether the
357 application has been delivered.358 Section 3. Subsection (13) of section 97.057, Florida
359 Statutes, is amended to read:360 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway
361 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—362 (13) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
363 must assist the Department of State in regularly identifying
364 changes in residence address on the driver license or
365 identification card of a voter. The Department of State must
366 report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of
367 elections who must change the voter's registration records in
368 accordance with s. 98.065(4) ~~s. 98.065(5)~~.

369 Section 4. Section 97.0575, Florida Statutes, is amended to

370 read:

371 97.0575 Third-party voter registration organizations
372 ~~registrations~~.-

373 (1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a
374 third-party voter registration organization must register and
375 provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following
376 information:

377 (a) The names of the officers of the organization and the
378 name and permanent address of the organization.

379 (b) The name and address of the organization's registered
380 agent in the state.

381 (c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary
382 addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering
383 persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization.
384 This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit
385 applications and do not collect or handle voter registration
386 applications.

387 (d) Beginning November 6, 2024, the specific general
388 election cycle for which the third-party voter registration
389 organization is registering persons to vote.

390 (e) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling
391 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party
392 voter registration organization has not been convicted of a
393 felony violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an
394 offense specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in
395 s. 98.0751(2)(b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in
396 chapter 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837. A third-party voter
397 registration organization is liable for a fine in the amount of
398 \$50,000 for each such person who has been convicted of a felony
399 violation of the Election Code, a felony violation of an offense
400 specified in s. 825.103, a felony offense specified in s.
401 98.0751(2)(b) or (c), or a felony offense specified in chapter
402 817, chapter 831, or chapter 837 who is collecting or handling
403 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party
404 voter registration organization.

405 (f) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling
406 voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party
407 voter registration organization is a citizen of the United
408 States of America. A third-party voter registration organization
409 is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each such
410 person who is not a citizen and is collecting or handling voter
411 registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter
412 registration organization.

413 (2) Beginning November 6, 2024, the registration of a
414 third-party voter registration organization automatically
415 expires at the conclusion of the specific general election cycle
416 for which the third-party voter registration organization is
417 registered.

418 ~~(3)~~ ~~(2)~~ The division or the supervisor of elections shall
419 make voter registration forms available to third-party voter
420 registration organizations. All such forms must contain
421 information identifying the organization to which the forms are
422 provided. The division shall maintain a database of all third
423 party voter registration organizations and the voter

424 registration forms assigned to the third-party voter
425 registration organization. Each supervisor of elections shall
426 provide to the division information on voter registration forms
427 assigned to and received from third-party voter registration
428 organizations. The information must be provided in a format and
429 at times as required by the division by rule. The division shall
430 ~~must~~ update information on third-party voter registrations daily
431 and make the information publicly available.

432 (4) A third-party voter registration organization that
433 collects voter registration applications shall provide a receipt
434 to an applicant upon accepting possession of his or her
435 application. The division shall adopt by rule a uniform format
436 for the receipt by October 1, 2023. The format must include, but
437 need not be limited to, the name of the applicant, the date the
438 application is received, the name of the third-party voter
439 registration organization, the name of the registration agent,
440 the applicant's political party affiliation, and the county in
441 which the applicant resides.

442 (5)(a)(3)(a) A third-party voter registration organization
443 that collects voter registration applications serves as a
444 fiduciary to the applicant and shall ensure,~~ensuring~~ that any
445 voter registration application entrusted to the organization,
446 irrespective of party affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender,
447 ~~is must be~~ promptly delivered to the division or the supervisor
448 of elections in the county in which the applicant resides within
449 10 ~~14~~ days after the application ~~is was~~ completed by the
450 applicant, but not after registration closes for the next
451 ensuing election. If a voter registration application collected
452 by any third-party voter registration organization is not
453 promptly delivered to the division or supervisor of elections in
454 the county in which the applicant resides, the third-party voter
455 registration organization is liable for the following fines:

456 1. A fine in the amount of \$50 per each day late, up to
457 \$2,500, for each application received by the division or the
458 supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant
459 resides more than 10 ~~14~~ days after the applicant delivered the
460 completed voter registration application to the third-party
461 voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent
462 acting on its behalf. A fine in the amount of \$2,500 ~~\$250~~ for
463 each application received if the third-party voter registration
464 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf
465 acted willfully.

466 2. A fine in the amount of \$100 per each day late, up to
467 \$5,000, for each application collected by a third-party voter
468 registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting
469 on its behalf, before book closing for any given election for
470 federal or state office and received by the division or the
471 supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant
472 resides after the book-closing deadline for such election. A
473 fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$500~~ for each application received
474 if the third-party voter registration organization or any
475 person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

476 3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application
477 collected by a third-party voter registration organization or

478 any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not
479 submitted to the division or supervisor of elections in the
480 county in which the applicant resides. A fine in the amount of
481 ~~\$5,000~~ ~~\$1,000~~ for any application not submitted if the third
482 party voter registration organization or person, entity, or
483 agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.

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485 The aggregate fine which may be assessed pursuant to this
486 paragraph ~~which may be assessed~~ against a third-party voter
487 registration organization, including affiliate organizations,
488 for violations committed in a calendar year is \$250,000 ~~\$50,000~~.

489 (b) A showing by the third-party voter registration
490 organization that the failure to deliver the voter registration
491 application within the required timeframe is based upon force
492 majeure or impossibility of performance shall be an affirmative
493 defense to a violation of this subsection. The secretary may
494 waive the fines described in this subsection upon a showing that
495 the failure to deliver the voter registration application
496 promptly is based upon force majeure or impossibility of
497 performance.

498 ~~(6)~~~~(4)~~ If a person collecting voter registration
499 applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration
500 organization alters the voter registration application of any
501 other person, without the other person's knowledge and consent,
502 in violation of s. 104.012(4) and is subsequently convicted of
503 such offense, the applicable third-party voter registration
504 organization is liable for a fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~
505 for each application altered.

506 (7) If a person collecting voter registration applications
507 on behalf of a third-party voter registration organization
508 copies a voter's application or retains a voter's personal
509 information, such as the voter's Florida driver license number,
510 Florida identification card number, social security number, or
511 signature, for any reason other than to provide such application
512 or information to the third-party voter registration
513 organization in compliance with this section, the person commits
514 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
515 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

516 ~~(8)~~~~(5)~~ If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a
517 person has committed a violation of this section, the secretary
518 may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement.
519 The Attorney General may institute a civil action for a
520 violation of this section or to prevent a violation of this
521 section. An action for relief may include a permanent or
522 temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other
523 appropriate order.

524 ~~(9)~~~~(6)~~ The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit
525 specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from
526 a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third
527 party voter registration organization but who does not appear as
528 an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division
529 shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the
530 registration process, including controls to ensure that all
531 completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or a

532 supervisor in the county in which the applicant resides.

533 ~~(10)(7)~~ The date on which an applicant signs a voter
534 registration application is presumed to be the date on which the
535 third-party voter registration organization received or
536 collected the voter registration application.

537 (11) A third-party voter registration organization may not
538 mail or otherwise provide a voter registration application upon
539 which any information about an applicant has been filled in
540 before it is provided to the applicant. A third-party voter
541 registration organization that violates this section is liable
542 for a fine in the amount of \$50 for each such application.

543 ~~(12)(8)~~ The requirements of this section are retroactive
544 for any third-party voter registration organization registered
545 with the department as of July 1, 2023 ~~on the effective date of~~
546 ~~this act~~, and must be complied with within 90 days after the
547 department provides notice to the third-party voter registration
548 organization of the requirements contained in this section.
549 Failure of the third-party voter registration organization to
550 comply with the requirements within 90 days after receipt of the
551 notice shall automatically result in the cancellation of the
552 third-party voter registration organization's registration.

553 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 97.071,
554 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

555 97.071 Voter information card.—

556 (1) A voter information card must ~~shall~~ be furnished by the
557 supervisor to all registered voters residing in the supervisor's
558 county. The card must contain:

- 559 (a) Voter's registration number.
- 560 (b) Date of registration.
- 561 (c) Full name.
- 562 (d) Party affiliation.
- 563 (e) Date of birth.
- 564 (f) Address of legal residence.
- 565 (g) Precinct number.
- 566 (h) Polling place address and a link to the supervisor's
567 website to provide the most current polling place locations.
- 568 (i) Name of supervisor and contact information of
569 supervisor.

570 (j) The following statement: "This card is for information
571 purposes only. This card is proof of registration but is not
572 legal verification of eligibility to vote. It is the
573 responsibility of a voter to keep his or her eligibility status
574 current. A voter may confirm his or her eligibility to vote with
575 the Department of State."

576 ~~(k)(j)~~ Other information deemed necessary by the
577 supervisor.

578 (3) In the case of a change of name, address of legal
579 residence, polling place address, or party affiliation, the
580 supervisor shall issue the voter a new voter information card. A
581 temporary change made to a polling location pursuant to ss.
582 101.71 and 101.74 does not require the issuance of a new voter
583 information card.

584 Section 6. The amendments made to s. 97.071, Florida
585 Statutes, by this act, only apply to new and replacement voter

586 information cards issued on or after July 1, 2023.

587 Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), and (4), paragraph (c) of
588 subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
589 98.065, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (6)
590 is added to that section, to read:

591 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.—

592 (2) A supervisor must incorporate one or more of the
593 following procedures in the supervisor's annual registration
594 list maintenance program under which the supervisor shall:

595 (a) Use change-of-address information supplied by the
596 United States Postal Service through its licensees to identify
597 registered voters whose addresses might have changed.
598 Additionally, in odd-numbered years, unless the supervisor is
599 conducting the procedure specified in paragraph (b), the
600 supervisor must identify change-of-address information from
601 address confirmation final notices ~~returned nonforwardable~~
602 ~~return-if-undeliverable address confirmation requests~~ mailed to
603 all registered voters who have not voted in the preceding two
604 general elections or any intervening election and who have not
605 made a request that their registration records be updated during
606 that time; or

607 (b) Identify change-of-address information from returned
608 nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable address confirmation
609 requests ~~mail~~ sent to all registered voters in the county.

610 ~~(3) Address confirmation requests sent pursuant to~~
611 ~~paragraph (2)(a) and mail sent pursuant to paragraph (b) must be~~
612 ~~addressed to the voter's address of legal residence, not~~
613 ~~including voters temporarily residing outside the county and~~
614 ~~registered in the precinct designated by the supervisor pursuant~~
615 ~~to s. 101.045(1). If a request is returned as undeliverable, any~~
616 ~~other notification sent to the voter pursuant to subsection (5)~~
617 ~~or s. 98.0655 must be addressed to the voter's mailing address~~
618 ~~on file, if any.~~

619 ~~(3)(4)~~ A registration list maintenance program must be
620 conducted by each supervisor, at a minimum, once each year,
621 beginning no later than April 1, and must be completed at least
622 ~~not later than~~ 90 days before the date of any federal election.
623 All list maintenance actions associated with each voter must be
624 entered, tracked, recorded, and maintained in the statewide
625 voter registration system.

626 ~~(4)(5)~~

627 (c) If an address confirmation request required by
628 paragraph ~~(2)(b)~~ ~~(2)(a)~~ is returned as undeliverable without
629 indication of an address change, ~~or there is no response from~~
630 ~~the voter within 30 days,~~ or if any other nonforwardable return
631 if-undeliverable mail is returned as undeliverable with no
632 indication of an address change, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ send
633 an address confirmation final notice to ~~all addresses on file~~
634 ~~for~~ the voter.

635 (6) The supervisor shall, at a minimum, conduct an annual
636 review of voter registration records to identify registration
637 records in which a voter is registered at an address that may
638 not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those
639 registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has

640 reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the
641 supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant
642 to s. 98.075(6) and (7).

643 (7)(a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year,
644 the supervisor must certify to the department the address list
645 maintenance activities conducted during the first 6 months and
646 the second 6 months of the year, respectively, including the
647 number of address confirmation requests sent, the number of
648 voters designated as inactive, and the number of voters removed
649 from the statewide voter registration system.

650 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
651 98.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

652 98.0655 Registration list maintenance forms.—The department
653 shall prescribe registration list maintenance forms to be used
654 by the supervisors which must include:

655 (1) An address confirmation request that must contain:

656 ~~(e) If the address confirmation request is required by s.~~
657 ~~98.065(2)(a), a statement that if the voter has not changed his~~
658 ~~or her legal residence or has changed his or her legal residence~~
659 ~~within the state, the voter should return the form within 30~~
660 ~~days after the date on which the notice was sent to the voter,~~
661 and

662 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and subsections
663 (3) through (8) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended
664 to read:

665 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
666 ineligibility determinations.—

667 (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.—

668 (c) Information received by the department from another
669 state or the District of Columbia upon the department becoming a
670 member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph
671 (b)1., which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of
672 that state or the District of Columbia, is exempt from s.
673 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The
674 department shall provide such information to the supervisors to
675 conduct registration list maintenance activities. ~~This paragraph~~
676 ~~is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in~~
677 ~~accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,~~
678 ~~2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment~~
679 ~~by the Legislature.~~

680 (3) DECEASED PERSONS.—

681 (a)1. The department shall identify those registered voters
682 who are deceased by comparing information received from:

683 a. The Department of Health as provided in s. 98.093;

684 b. The United States Social Security Administration,
685 including, but not limited to, any master death file or index
686 compiled by the United States Social Security Administration;
687 and

688 c. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

689 2. Within 7 days after receipt of such information through
690 the statewide voter registration system, the supervisor shall
691 remove the name of the registered voter.

692 (b) The supervisor shall remove the name of a deceased
693 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system

694 within 7 days after ~~upon~~ receipt of a copy of a death
695 certificate issued by a governmental agency authorized to issue
696 death certificates.

697 (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department shall
698 identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated
699 mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not
700 had their voting rights restored by comparing information
701 received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s.
702 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an
703 initial determination as to whether the information is credible
704 and reliable. If the department determines that the information
705 is credible and reliable, the department must ~~shall~~ notify the
706 supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation
707 indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be
708 registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has
709 made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the
710 supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in
711 subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the removal of a registered voter
712 from the statewide voter registration system.

713 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—

714 (a). The department shall identify those registered voters
715 who have been convicted of a felony and whose voting rights have
716 not been restored by comparing information received from, but
717 not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court, the Board of
718 Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections, the
719 Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's
720 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review
721 such information and make an initial determination as to whether
722 the information is credible and reliable. If the department
723 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the
724 department must ~~shall~~ notify the supervisor and provide a copy
725 of the supporting documentation indicating the potential
726 ineligibility of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the
727 notice that the department has made a determination of initial
728 credibility and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the
729 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the
730 removal of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter
731 registration system.

732 (b) The supervisors shall coordinate with their respective
733 clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093
734 to identify registered voters within their respective
735 jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the
736 preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored.
737 The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in
738 subsection (7) before the removal of a registered voter's name
739 from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes of
740 this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (7) begin
741 upon his or her determination that the information received from
742 the clerk is credible and reliable.

743 (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—Subsections (2)–(5) do
744 not limit or restrict the department or the supervisor in his or
745 her duty to act upon direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge
746 of information from any governmental entity that identifies a
747 registered voter as potentially ineligible. If the department or

748 supervisor receives information from any governmental entity
749 ~~sources~~ other than those identified in subsections (2)-(5) that
750 a registered voter is ineligible because the voter ~~he or she~~ is
751 deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his
752 or her voting rights restored, adjudicated mentally
753 incapacitated without having had his or her voting rights
754 restored, does not meet the age requirement pursuant to s.
755 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a fictitious person,
756 or has listed an address ~~a residence~~ that is not his or her
757 address of legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to the
758 procedures set forth in subsection (7) before ~~prior to~~ the
759 removal of the name of a registered voter who is determined to
760 be ineligible ~~a registered voter's name~~ from the statewide voter
761 registration system.

762 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

763 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information
764 pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in
765 which the voter is registered must ~~shall~~:

766 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential
767 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or
768 information. The notice must ~~shall~~ include:

769 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's
770 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon
771 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation
772 must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined
773 to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as
774 those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.

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

779 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to
780 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the
781 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by
782 the supervisor.

783 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy
784 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
785 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
786 determining eligibility.

787 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the
788 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is
789 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

790 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights
791 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and
792 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
793 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
794 conviction, if applicable.

795 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
796 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
797 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
798 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
799 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
800 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
801 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of

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

804 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the
805 supervisor must, within 14 days after receiving the returned
806 notice, either publish ~~shall publish~~ notice once in a newspaper
807 of general circulation in the county in which the voter was last
808 registered or publish notice on the county's website as provided
809 in s. 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed
810 appropriate by the supervisor. The notice must ~~shall~~ contain the
811 following:

812 a. The voter's name and address.

813 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to
814 be registered to vote.

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

819 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor
820 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to
821 receive information regarding the basis for the potential
822 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

823 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance
824 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections
825 of the county in which the voter is registered.

826 f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of
827 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
828 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
829 determining eligibility.

830 g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an
831 early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you
832 will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by
833 mail, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. In
834 either case, your ballot may not be counted until a final
835 determination of eligibility is made. If you wish for your
836 ballot to be counted, you must contact the supervisor of
837 elections office within 2 days after the election and present
838 evidence that you are eligible to vote."

839 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice
840 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor
841 must ~~shall~~ make a final determination of the voter's eligibility
842 within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to
843 respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is
844 ineligible, the supervisor must ~~shall~~ remove the name of the
845 registered voter from the statewide voter registration system
846 within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter
847 of the supervisor's determination and action.

848 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to
849 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of
850 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
851 supervisor must, as soon as practicable, ~~shall~~ make a final
852 determination of ineligibility and ~~shall~~ remove the voter's name
853 from the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor
854 shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's
855 determination and action.

856 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued
857 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the
858 accuracy of the information underlying the potential
859 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor
860 ~~must shall~~ review the evidence and make a ~~final~~ determination of
861 eligibility no later than 30 days after receiving the response
862 from the voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered
863 voter is ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name
864 from the statewide voter registration system upon such
865 determination and notify the registered voter of the
866 supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
867 has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant
868 to s. 98.0755. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the
869 supervisor ~~must shall~~ send notice to the registered voter to
870 attend a hearing at a time and place specified in the notice.
871 The supervisor shall schedule and issue notice for the hearing
872 within 7 days after receiving the voter's request for a hearing
873 and shall hold the hearing no later than 30 days after issuing
874 the notice of the hearing. A voter may request an extension upon
875 showing good cause by submitting an affidavit to the supervisor
876 as to why he or she is unable to attend the scheduled hearing.
877 Upon hearing all evidence presented at the hearing, the
878 supervisor shall make a determination of eligibility within 7
879 days. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is
880 ineligible, the supervisor ~~must shall~~ remove the voter's name
881 from the statewide voter registration system and notify the
882 registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action
883 and that the removed voter has a right to appeal a determination
884 of ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.0755.

885 (b) The following ~~shall~~ apply to this subsection:

886 1. All determinations of eligibility ~~must shall~~ be based on
887 a preponderance of the evidence.

888 2. All proceedings are exempt from ~~the provisions of~~
889 chapter 120.

890 3. Any notice ~~must shall~~ be sent to the registered voter by
891 certified mail, return receipt requested, or other means that
892 provides a verification of receipt or ~~must shall~~ be published in
893 a newspaper of general circulation where the voter was last
894 registered, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311,
895 or on the supervisor's website, whichever is applicable.

896 4. The supervisor shall remove the name of any registered
897 voter from the statewide voter registration system only after
898 the supervisor makes a final determination that the voter is
899 ineligible to vote.

900 5. Any voter whose name has been removed from the statewide
901 voter registration system pursuant to a determination of
902 ineligibility may appeal that determination under ~~the provisions~~
903 ~~of~~ s. 98.0755.

904 6. Any voter whose name was removed from the statewide
905 voter registration system on the basis of a determination of
906 ineligibility who subsequently becomes eligible to vote must
907 reregister in order to have his or her name restored to the
908 statewide voter registration system.

909 (8) CERTIFICATION.—

910 (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the
911 supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor
912 ~~has the activities~~ conducted the activities required pursuant to
913 this section during the first 6 months and the second 6 months
914 of the year, respectively. The certification ~~must shall~~ include
915 the number of persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to
916 subsection (7), the number of persons who responded to the
917 notices, the number of notices returned as undeliverable, the
918 number of notices published in the newspaper, on the county's
919 website, or on the supervisor's website, the number of hearings
920 conducted, and the number of persons removed from the statewide
921 voter registration ~~system systems~~ and the reasons for such
922 removals.

923 (b) If, based on the certification provided pursuant to
924 paragraph (a), the department determines that a supervisor has
925 not satisfied the requirements of this section, the department
926 shall satisfy the appropriate requirements for that county.
927 Failure to satisfy the requirements of this section constitutes
928 ~~shall constitute~~ a violation of s. 104.051.

929 Section 10. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
930 98.077, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

931 98.077 Update of voter signature.—

932 (2) The ~~department and~~ supervisors of elections shall
933 include in any correspondence, other than postcard notifications
934 and notices relating to eligibility, sent to a registered voter
935 information regarding when, where, and how to update the voter's
936 signature and shall provide the voter information on how to
937 obtain a voter registration application from a voter
938 registration official which can be returned to update the
939 signature.

940 (3) At least once during each general election year before
941 the presidential preference primary or the primary election,
942 whichever occurs first, the supervisor shall publish in a
943 newspaper of general circulation or other newspaper in the
944 county, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on
945 the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the
946 supervisor, a notice specifying when, where, or how a voter can
947 update his or her signature that is on file and how a voter can
948 obtain a voter registration application from a voter
949 registration official.

950 (4) Except as authorized in ss. 101.048 and 101.68:

951 (a) All signature updates for use in verifying vote-by-mail
952 voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter certificates,
953 or petitions ballots must be received by the appropriate
954 supervisor before the voter's elector's ballot is received by
955 the supervisor or, in the case of provisional ballots, before
956 the voter's elector's ballot is cast or, in the case of a
957 petition, before the petition is submitted for signature
958 verification.

959 (b) The signature on file at the time the vote-by-mail
960 ballot is received, ~~or~~ at the time the provisional ballot is
961 cast, or at the time a petition is reviewed is the signature
962 that ~~must shall~~ be used in verifying the signature on the vote
963 by-mail voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter

964 certificates, or petitions, respectively. For signatures
965 requiring secondary or tertiary review, older signatures from
966 previous registration updates may be used.

967 Section 11. Section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended to
968 read:

969 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to
970 deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated,
971 persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United
972 States citizens.—

973 (1) DUTIES.—In order to identify ineligible registered
974 voters and maintain accurate and current voter registration
975 records in the statewide voter registration system pursuant to
976 procedures in s. 98.065 or s. 98.075, it is necessary for the
977 department and supervisors of elections to receive or access
978 certain information from state and federal officials and
979 entities in the format prescribed.

980 ~~(2)~~ To the maximum extent feasible, state and local
981 government agencies shall facilitate provision of information
982 and access to data to the department, including, but not limited
983 to, databases that contain reliable criminal records and records
984 of deceased persons. State and local government agencies that
985 provide such data must ~~shall~~ do so without charge if the direct
986 cost incurred by those agencies is not significant.

987 ~~(2)(a)~~ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—The Department of Health shall
988 furnish weekly ~~monthly~~ to the department a list containing the
989 name, address, date of birth, date of death, social security
990 number, race, and sex of each deceased person 17 years of age or
991 older whose death was reported during the preceding week.

992 ~~(3)(b)~~ CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.—Each clerk of the
993 circuit court shall furnish weekly to the department and to the
994 supervisors in their respective jurisdictions the following
995 information ~~monthly to the department:~~

996 ~~(a)1.~~ Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons who
997 have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to
998 voting during the preceding week and ~~calendar month, a list of~~
999 those persons whose mental capacity with respect to voting has
1000 been restored during the preceding week. The information must
1001 include each person's name; address; date of birth; race; sex;
1002 and, if available, his or her Florida driver license number or
1003 Florida identification card number or the last four digits of
1004 his or her social security number. The clerk shall provide the
1005 information to the department to assist a supervisor in
1006 identifying registered voters in his or her county who are
1007 adjudicated mentally incapacitated outside of his or her county
1008 pursuant to s. 98.075(4).

1009 ~~(b)~~ Information identifying ~~calendar month, and a list of~~
1010 those persons who have responded to ~~returned signed~~ jury notices
1011 during the preceding week from ~~months to~~ the clerk of the
1012 circuit court and whose response indicated ~~indicating~~ a change
1013 of address. The information must ~~Each list shall~~ include each
1014 person's ~~the~~ name, ; ~~;~~ address, ; ~~;~~ date of birth, ; ~~;~~ race, ; ~~;~~ sex, ; ~~;~~ and,
1015 if whichever is available, the Florida driver license number or
1016 Florida identification card number, 7 or the last four digits of
1017 his or her social security number ~~of each such person.~~

1018 ~~(c.2)~~ Information on the terms of sentence for felony
1019 convictions, including any financial obligations for court
1020 costs, fees, and fines, of all persons listed in the clerk's
1021 records whose last known address in the clerk's records is
1022 within this state and who have been convicted of a felony during
1023 the preceding week month. The information may be provided to the
1024 supervisor directly by the clerk ~~individual clerks~~ of the
1025 circuit court or may be provided on the clerk's ~~their~~ behalf
1026 through the Comprehensive Case Information System. The clerk
1027 shall provide the information to the department to assist a
1028 supervisor in identifying registered voters in his or her county
1029 who are adjudicated of a felony outside of his or her county.
1030 For each felony conviction reported, the information must
1031 include:

1032 1.a The full name;; last known address;; date of birth;;
1033 race;; sex;; and, if available, the Florida driver license
1034 number or Florida identification card number, as applicable;;
1035 and the last four digits of the social security number of the
1036 person convicted.

1037 2.b The amounts of all financial obligations, including
1038 restitution and court costs, fees, and fines, and, if known, the
1039 amount of financial obligations not yet satisfied.

1040 3.e The county in which the conviction occurred.

1041 4.d The statute number violated, statute table text, date
1042 of conviction, and case number.

1043 (4)(e) UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.—Upon receipt of information
1044 from the United States Attorney~~,~~ listing persons convicted of a
1045 felony in federal court, the department shall use such
1046 information to identify registered voters or applicants for
1047 voter registration who may be potentially ineligible based on
1048 information provided in accordance with s. 98.075.

1049 (5)(d) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The Department of Law
1050 Enforcement shall identify and report to the department at least
1051 weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony during
1052 the preceding week who appear in the voter registration records
1053 supplied by the statewide voter registration system, ~~in a time~~
1054 ~~and manner that enables the department to meet its obligations~~
1055 ~~under state and federal law.~~

1056 (6)(e) FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW.—The Florida
1057 Commission on Offender Review shall furnish at least weekly
1058 ~~bimonthly~~ to the department data, including the identity of
1059 those persons granted clemency in the preceding month or any
1060 updates to prior records which have occurred in the preceding
1061 month. The data ~~must shall~~ contain the commission's case number
1062 and the person's name, address, date of birth, race, gender,
1063 Florida driver license number, Florida identification card
1064 number, or the last four digits of the social security number,
1065 if available, and references to record identifiers assigned by
1066 the Department of Corrections and the Department of Law
1067 Enforcement, a unique identifier of each clemency case, and the
1068 effective date of clemency of each person.

1069 (7)(f) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.—The Department of
1070 Corrections shall identify and report to the department at least
1071 weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony and

1072 committed to its custody or placed on community supervision
 1073 ~~during the preceding week. The information must be provided to~~
 1074 ~~the department at a time and in a manner that enables the~~
 1075 ~~department to identify registered voters who are convicted~~
 1076 ~~felons and to meet its obligations under state and federal law.~~

1077 ~~(8)(g)~~ DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—The
 1078 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish
 1079 ~~weekly~~ monthly to the department the following information:

1080 ~~(a)1.~~ Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons whose
 1081 names have been removed from the Florida driver license or
 1082 Florida identification card database during the preceding week
 1083 because they have been licensed or been issued an identification
 1084 card in another state. The information list must contain the
 1085 person's name, last known Florida address, date of birth, sex,
 1086 last four digits of his or her social security number, and
 1087 Florida driver license number or Florida identification card
 1088 number and, if available, the address and the state in which the
 1089 person is now licensed ~~of each such person.~~

1090 ~~(b)2.~~ Information identifying ~~A list of~~ those persons who
 1091 during the preceding week presented evidence of non-United
 1092 States citizenship upon being issued a new or renewed Florida
 1093 driver license or Florida identification card. The information
 1094 ~~list~~ must contain the person's name; address; date of birth;
 1095 last four digits of the ~~social security number, if applicable;~~
 1096 ~~and~~ Florida driver license number or Florida identification card
 1097 number, as available applicable; and alien registration number
 1098 or other legal status identifier, ~~of each such person.~~

1099 ~~(c)~~ Information identifying those persons for which it has
 1100 received official information during the preceding week that the
 1101 person is deceased. The information must contain the name,
 1102 address, date of birth, last four digits of the social security
 1103 number, Florida driver license number or Florida identification
 1104 card number, and date of death of each such person.

1105 ~~(9)(3)~~ CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit or
 1106 restrict the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct
 1107 receipt of, access to, or knowledge of official information from
 1108 these and other governmental entities that identify a registered
 1109 voter as potentially ineligible and to initiate removal of
 1110 ~~remove~~ the name of the registered voter who is determined to be
 1111 ineligible ~~names of persons~~ from the statewide voter
 1112 registration system pursuant to s. 98.075(7) ~~based upon~~
 1113 ~~information received from other sources.~~

1114 Section 12. Section 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1115 to read:

1116 98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter
 1117 registration system information; precinct-level election
 1118 results; book closing statistics; live turnout data.—

1119 (1) VOTING HISTORY AND STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM
 1120 INFORMATION.—Each supervisor shall submit the reports required
 1121 by this subsection to the department no later than 10 business
 1122 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the
 1123 results of an election.

1124 (a) Reconciliation.—For each presidential preference
 1125 primary election, special primary election, special election,

1126 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall
1127 reconcile the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct
1128 to the aggregate number of voters with voter history pursuant to
1129 paragraph (b) and the precinct-level election results pursuant
1130 to subsection (3) and submit a reconciliation report. The report
1131 must be submitted to the department in an electronic format
1132 pursuant to file format and specifications set forth by rule.
1133 The report must include a written explanation if the
1134 reconciliation results in a discrepancy between the voter
1135 history and the election results.

1136 ~~(b) Voting history.—For each~~ ~~Within 30 days after~~
1137 ~~certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of a~~
1138 presidential preference primary, special election, special
1139 primary election, primary election, or general election, as
1140 applicable, supervisors of elections shall transmit completely
1141 updated voting history information for each qualified voter to
1142 the department. Such information must be provided, in a uniform
1143 electronic format pursuant to file specifications adopted by the
1144 department by rule. The voting history information must include:
1145 ~~specified in paragraph (d), completely updated voting history~~
1146 ~~information for each qualified voter who voted~~

1147 1. The unique identifier assigned to each qualified voter
1148 within the statewide voter registration system.

1149 2. Each qualified voter's unique precinct identifier, as
1150 designated by the county within the statewide voter registration
1151 system, at the time of voting. For purposes of this
1152 subparagraph, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an
1153 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and
1154 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by
1155 rule.

1156 3. Specifics as to each qualified voter's voting history,
1157 including whether the qualified voter voted a regular ballot
1158 during the early voting period, voted during the early voting
1159 period using a provisional ballot that was subsequently counted,
1160 voted a regular ballot at a precinct location, voted at a
1161 precinct location using a provisional ballot that was
1162 subsequently counted, voted by vote-by-mail ballot, attempted to
1163 vote by a timely received vote-by-mail ballot that was not
1164 counted, attempted to vote by a vote-by-mail ballot that was
1165 received untimely, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that
1166 was not counted, or did not vote.

1167 ~~(c) Precinct boundaries.—For each presidential preference~~
1168 primary election, special primary election, special election,
1169 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall
1170 submit to the department the geographical information system map
1171 of precinct boundaries created and maintained pursuant to s.
1172 101.001 for the applicable election.

1173 ~~(2)(b) LEGISLATIVE REPORT.—~~

1174 ~~(a) Specifications.—After receipt of the information in~~
1175 ~~paragraph (a),~~ The department shall prepare an election summary
1176 compiled for a presidential preference primary election, special
1177 primary election, special election, primary election, or general
1178 election, as applicable, ~~a report~~ in an electronic format which
1179 contains the following information, ~~separately compiled for the~~

1180 ~~primary and general election for all voters qualified to vote in~~
 1181 ~~either election:~~

1182 1. The voting history information as transmitted under
 1183 paragraph (1)(b) and the precinct boundaries as transmitted
 1184 under paragraph (1)(c). ~~unique identifier assigned to each~~
 1185 ~~qualified voter within the statewide voter registration system;~~

1186 2. All information provided by each qualified voter on his
 1187 or her voter registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2),
 1188 except that which is confidential or exempt from public records
 1189 requirements.↵

1190 3. Each qualified voter's date of registration.↵

1191 4. Each qualified voter's ~~current~~ state representative
 1192 district, state senatorial district, ~~and~~ congressional district,
 1193 county commission district, and school board district at the
 1194 time of voting, assigned by the supervisor of elections.↵

1195 ~~5. Each qualified voter's current precinct; and~~

1196 ~~6. Voting history as transmitted under paragraph (a) to~~
 1197 ~~include whether the qualified voter voted at a precinct~~
 1198 ~~location, voted during the early voting period, voted by vote~~
 1199 ~~by-mail ballot, attempted to vote by vote-by-mail ballot that~~
 1200 ~~was not counted, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that~~
 1201 ~~was not counted, or did not vote.~~

1202 (b)(e) Submission.—Within ~~60~~ 45 days after ~~certification by~~
 1203 the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies ~~of~~ a presidential
 1204 preference primary, special election, primary election, or
 1205 general election, the department shall submit ~~send~~ to the
 1206 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
 1207 Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House
 1208 Minority Leader an election summary ~~a~~ report in electronic
 1209 format that includes all information set forth in paragraph (a)
 1210 ~~(b)~~.

1211 ~~(d) File specifications are as follows:~~

1212 ~~1. The file shall contain records designated by the~~
 1213 ~~categories below for all qualified voters who, regardless of the~~
 1214 ~~voter's county of residence or active or inactive registration~~
 1215 ~~status at the book closing for the corresponding election that~~
 1216 ~~the file is being created for:~~

1217 ~~a. Voted a regular ballot at a precinct location.~~

1218 ~~b. Voted at a precinct location using a provisional ballot~~
 1219 ~~that was subsequently counted.~~

1220 ~~c. Voted a regular ballot during the early voting period.~~

1221 ~~d. Voted during the early voting period using a provisional~~
 1222 ~~ballot that was subsequently counted.~~

1223 ~~e. Voted by vote by-mail ballot.~~

1224 ~~f. Attempted to vote by vote-by-mail ballot, but the ballot~~
 1225 ~~was not counted.~~

1226 ~~g. Attempted to vote by provisional ballot, but the ballot~~
 1227 ~~was not counted in that election.~~

1228 2. Each file shall be created or converted into a tab
 1229 ~~delimited format.~~

1230 ~~3. File names shall adhere to the following convention:~~

1231 ~~a. Three-character county identifier as established by the~~
 1232 ~~department followed by an underscore.~~

1233 ~~b. Followed by four-character file type identifier of~~

1234 ~~“VH03” followed by an underscore.~~
 1235 ~~e. Followed by FVRS election ID followed by an underscore.~~
 1236 ~~d. Followed by Date Created followed by an underscore.~~
 1237 ~~e. Date format is YYYYMMDD.~~
 1238 ~~f. Followed by Time Created — HHMMSS.~~
 1239 ~~g. Followed by “.txt”.~~

1240 ~~4. Each record shall contain the following columns: Record~~
 1241 ~~Identifier, FVRS Voter ID Number, FVRS Election ID Number, Vote~~
 1242 ~~Date, Vote History Code, Precinct, Congressional District, House~~
 1243 ~~District, Senate District, County Commission District, and~~
 1244 ~~School Board District.~~

1245 ~~(e) Each supervisor of elections shall reconcile, before~~
 1246 ~~submission, the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct~~
 1247 ~~as reported in the precinct-level election results to the~~
 1248 ~~aggregate total number of voters with voter history for the~~
 1249 ~~election for each district.~~

1250 ~~(f) Each supervisor of elections shall submit the results~~
 1251 ~~of the data reconciliation as described in paragraph (e) to the~~
 1252 ~~department in an electronic format and give a written~~
 1253 ~~explanation for any precincts where the reconciliation as~~
 1254 ~~described in paragraph (e) results in a discrepancy between the~~
 1255 ~~voter history and the election results.~~

1256 ~~.(3).(2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.—~~

1257 ~~(a)1. Within 10 business 30 days after ~~certification by~~ the~~
 1258 ~~Elections Canvassing Commission certifies ~~of~~ a presidential~~
 1259 ~~preference primary election, special election, special primary~~
 1260 ~~election, primary election, or general election, as applicable,~~
 1261 ~~the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit to the~~
 1262 ~~department precinct-level election results for the election in a~~
 1263 ~~uniform electronic format specified by paragraph (c). ~~The~~~~
 1264 ~~~~precinct-level election results shall be compiled separately for~~~~
 1265 ~~~~the primary or special primary election that preceded the~~~~
 1266 ~~~~general or special general election, respectively.~~ The results~~
 1267 ~~must shall specifically include for each precinct the total of~~
 1268 ~~all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill a~~
 1269 ~~national, state, county, or district office or proposed~~
 1270 ~~constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and~~
 1271 ~~ballot type. When one or more ballot types, also known as~~
 1272 ~~counting groups, in a race or an issue have fewer than 30 voters~~
 1273 ~~voting on the ballot, the ballot type must be reported as zero~~
 1274 ~~except for the total votes counting group for that precinct.~~
 1275 ~~Ballot types or counting groups include election day, early~~
 1276 ~~voting, vote-by-mail, provisional voting, and total votes~~
 1277 ~~~~However, ballot type or precinct subtotals in a race or question~~~~
 1278 ~~~~having fewer than 30 voters voting on the ballot type or in the~~~~
 1279 ~~~~precinct may not be reported in precinct results.~~ For purposes~~
 1280 ~~of this paragraph, the term “all ballots cast” means ballots~~
 1281 ~~cast by voters who cast a ballot, whether at a precinct~~
 1282 ~~location; by vote-by-mail ballot, including overseas vote-by~~
 1283 ~~mail ballots; during the early voting period; or by~~
 1284 ~~provisional ballot.~~

1285 ~~2. Upon request from the department, a supervisor must~~
 1286 ~~research and address, as appropriate, any questions or issues~~
 1287 ~~identified by the department pertaining to the precinct-level~~

1288 election results. If the information as originally submitted is
1289 changed or corrected, the supervisor must provide an amended
1290 precinct-level election results file no later than 10 business
1291 days after the request from the department.

1292 (b) The department shall make such information available
1293 online no later than 60 days after the Elections Canvassing
1294 Commission certifies the presidential preference primary
1295 election, special primary election, special election, primary
1296 election, or general election, as applicable. The website
1297 containing the information must include ~~on a searchable,~~
1298 ~~sortable, and downloadable database via its website that also~~
1299 ~~includes~~ the file layout and codes. The information must
1300 ~~database shall~~ be searchable and sortable by county, precinct,
1301 and candidate; ~~The must database shall~~ be downloadable in a
1302 tab-delimited format; ~~and must. The database shall~~ be available
1303 for download county-by-county ~~and also as a statewide file. Such~~
1304 ~~report shall also be made available upon request.~~

1305 (c) The files containing the precinct-level election
1306 results must shall be created in accordance with the applicable
1307 file specification as set forth by rule. The rule must, at a
1308 minimum, provide that:

1309 ~~1. The precinct-level results file shall be created or~~
1310 ~~converted into a tab delimited text file.~~

1311 ~~2. The row immediately before the first data record shall~~
1312 ~~contain the column names of the data elements that make up the~~
1313 ~~data records. There shall be one header record followed by~~
1314 ~~multiple data records.~~

1315 ~~3.~~ the data records ~~shall~~ include the following columns:
1316 County Name, Election Number, Election Date, Unique Precinct
1317 Identifier, Precinct Polling Location, Total Registered Voters,
1318 Total Registered Republicans, Total Registered Democrats, Total
1319 Registered All Other Parties, Contest Name,
1320 Candidate/Retention/Issue Name, Candidate Florida Voter
1321 Registration System ID Number, Division of Elections Unique
1322 Candidate Identifying Number, Candidate Party, District,
1323 Undervote Total, Overvote Total, Write-in Total, and Vote Total.
1324 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "unique precinct
1325 identifier" means an alphanumeric code representing the precinct
1326 name or number and containing no more than the maximum
1327 characters as specified by rule.

1328 ~~(4)(3)~~ PRECINCT-LEVEL BOOK CLOSING STATISTICS.—No later
1329 than 10 days after the date of book closing ~~for but before the~~
1330 ~~date of~~ an election as defined in s. 97.021 to fill a national,
1331 state, county, or district office, or to vote on a proposed
1332 constitutional amendment, the department shall compile and make
1333 available the following precinct-level statistical data for each
1334 county:

1335 (a) Unique precinct identifier numbers. For purposes of
1336 this subsection, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an
1337 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and
1338 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by
1339 rule.

1340 (b) Total number of active registered voters by party for
1341 each precinct.

1342 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ LIVE TURNOUT DATA.—On election day, each supervisor
1343 of elections shall make live voter turnout data, updated at
1344 least once per hour, available on his or her website. Each
1345 supervisor shall transmit the live voter turnout data to the
1346 division, which must create and maintain a real-time statewide
1347 turnout dashboard that is available for viewing by the public on
1348 the division’s website as the data becomes available.

1349 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—The department shall
1350 also make publicly available the reports and results required in
1351 subsections ~~(1)~~–~~(4)~~ ~~(1)~~–~~(3)~~.

1352 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules and
1353 prescribe forms to carry out the purposes of this section.

1354 Section 13. Effective upon becoming a law, present
1355 paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 99.012, Florida
1356 Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c), a new paragraph (b)
1357 is added to that subsection, and paragraph (c) is added to
1358 subsection (7) of that section, to read:

1359 99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public
1360 office.—

1361 (1) As used in this section:

1362 (b) “Qualify” means to fulfill the requirements set forth
1363 in s. 99.061(7)(a) or s. 105.031(5)(a).

1364 (7) This section does not apply to:

1365 (c) Persons seeking the office of President or Vice
1366 President of the United States.

1367 Section 14. The amendments made to s. 99.012, Florida
1368 Statutes, by this act are intended to clarify existing law. Any
1369 person seeking the office of President or Vice President of the
1370 United States is not subject to the requirements of chapter 99,
1371 Florida Statutes, which govern candidate qualifying,
1372 specifically those which require the submission of certain
1373 documents, full and public disclosures of financial interests,
1374 petition signatures, or the payment of filing fees. This section
1375 shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

1376 Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
1377 99.021, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), and
1378 a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

1379 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

1380 (1)

1381 (d) In addition, each candidate, whether a party candidate,
1382 a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate,
1383 shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation,
1384 state in writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines,
1385 fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any
1386 violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code
1387 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of
1388 chapter 112, any local ethics ordinance governing standards of
1389 conduct and disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. If the
1390 candidate owes any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties
1391 exceeding the threshold amount specified in this paragraph, he
1392 or she must also specify the amount owed and each entity that
1393 levied such fine, fee, or penalty. For purposes of this
1394 paragraph, any such fines, fees, or penalties that have been
1395 paid in full at the time of subscribing to the oath or

1396 affirmation are not deemed to be outstanding.

1397 Section 16. Section 99.0215, Florida Statutes, is created
1398 to read:

1399 99.0215 Name of candidate.—

1400 (1) Each candidate shall designate in the oath or
1401 affirmation specified in s. 99.021 the name that he or she
1402 wishes to have printed on the ballot, or in the case of a write
1403 in candidate, the name that he or she wishes to have voters
1404 write in on the ballot when voting for him or her. Such
1405 designation must include the candidate's legal given name or
1406 names, a shortened form of the candidate's legal given name or
1407 names, an initial or initials of the candidate's legal given
1408 name or names, or a bona fide nickname customarily related to
1409 the candidate and by which the candidate is commonly known,
1410 immediately followed by the candidate's legal surname. If
1411 applicable, a candidate may place one of the following
1412 designations after the legal surname: "Sr.," "Jr.," or a
1413 numerical designation such as "II."

1414 (2) If a candidate wishes to designate a nickname, the
1415 candidate must file an affidavit that must be verified under
1416 oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a), attesting that
1417 the nickname complies with the requirements of this section. The
1418 affidavit must be filed simultaneously with the oath or
1419 affirmation specified in s. 99.021. Any nickname designated by a
1420 candidate may not be used to mislead voters. A candidate may not
1421 designate a nickname that implies the candidate is some other
1422 person, that constitutes a political slogan or otherwise
1423 associates the candidate with a cause or an issue, or that is
1424 obscene or profane. For purposes of this subsection, the term
1425 "political slogan" means any word or words expressing or
1426 connoting a position, an opinion, or a belief that the candidate
1427 may espouse, including, but not limited to, any word or words
1428 conveying any meaning other than that of the general identity of
1429 the candidate.

1430 (3) Unless a candidate has the same name as, or a name
1431 similar to, one or more candidates for the same office, an
1432 educational or professional title or degree may not be added to
1433 his or her name designation.

1434 Section 17. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 99.097,
1435 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1436 99.097 Verification of signatures on petitions.—

1437 (4)(a) The supervisor must ~~shall~~ be paid in advance the sum
1438 of 10 cents for each signature checked or the actual cost of
1439 checking such signature, whichever is less, by the candidate or,
1440 in the case of a petition to have a local ~~an~~ issue placed on the
1441 ballot, by the person or organization submitting the petition.
1442 In the case of a petition to place a statewide issue on the
1443 ballot, the person or organization submitting the petition must
1444 pay the supervisor in advance the cost posted by the supervisor
1445 pursuant to s. 100.371(11) for the actual cost of checking
1446 signatures to place a statewide issue on the ballot.

1447 (b) However, if a candidate, a person, or an organization
1448 seeking to have an issue placed upon the ballot cannot pay such
1449 charges without imposing an undue burden on personal resources

1450 or upon the resources otherwise available to such candidate,
1451 person, or organization, such candidate, person, or organization
1452 ~~shall~~, upon written certification of such inability given under
1453 oath to the supervisor, ~~is be~~ entitled to have the signatures
1454 verified at no charge.

1455 (c). In the event a candidate, person, or organization
1456 submitting a petition to have an issue placed upon the ballot is
1457 entitled to have the signatures verified at no charge, the
1458 supervisor of elections of each county in which the signatures
1459 are verified at no charge shall submit the total number of such
1460 signatures checked in the county to the Chief Financial Officer
1461 no later than December 1 of the general election year, and the
1462 Chief Financial Officer shall cause such supervisor of elections
1463 to be reimbursed from the General Revenue Fund in an amount
1464 equal to 10 cents or the actual cost for each name checked ~~or~~
1465 ~~the actual cost of checking such signatures~~, whichever is
1466 applicable as set forth in paragraph (a) less. In no event may
1467 ~~shall~~ such reimbursement of costs be deemed or applied as extra
1468 compensation for the supervisor.

1469 (d). Petitions must shall be retained by the supervisors for
1470 a period of 1 year following the election for which the
1471 petitions were circulated.

1472 (5) The results of a verification pursuant to subparagraph
1473 (1)(a)2. may be contested in the circuit court by the candidate;
1474 an announced opponent; a representative of a designated
1475 political committee; or a person, party, or other organization
1476 submitting the petition. The contestant must shall file a
1477 complaint, together with the fees prescribed in chapter 28, with
1478 the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the
1479 petition is certified or in Leon County if the petition covers
1480 more than one county within 10 days after midnight of the date
1481 the petition is certified; and the complaint must shall set
1482 forth the grounds on which the contestant intends to establish
1483 his or her right to require a complete check of the petition
1484 pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. In the event the court orders
1485 a complete check of the petition and the result is not changed
1486 as to the success or lack of success of the petitioner in
1487 obtaining the requisite number of valid signatures, then such
1488 candidate, unless the candidate has filed the oath stating that
1489 he or she is unable to pay such charges; announced opponent;
1490 representative of a designated political committee; or party,
1491 person, or organization submitting the petition, unless such
1492 person or organization has filed the oath stating inability to
1493 pay such charges, shall pay to the supervisor of elections of
1494 each affected county for the complete check an amount calculated
1495 at the rate of 10 cents for each additional signature checked or
1496 the actual cost of checking such additional signatures, as
1497 applicable whichever is less.

1498 Section 18. Section 100.021, Florida Statutes, is amended
1499 to read:

1500 100.021 Notice of general election.—The Department of State
1501 shall, in any year in which a general election is held, make out
1502 a notice stating what offices and vacancies are to be filled at
1503 the general election in the state, and in each county and

1504 district thereof. During the 30 days ~~before~~ ~~prior to~~ the
1505 beginning of qualifying, the department ~~of State~~ shall have the
1506 notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation
1507 in each county; and, in counties in which there is no newspaper
1508 of general circulation, it shall send to the sheriff a notice of
1509 the offices and vacancies to be filled at such general election
1510 by the qualified voters of the sheriff's county or any district
1511 thereof, and the sheriff shall have at least five copies of the
1512 notice posted in conspicuous places in the county. Notice may be
1513 provided alternatively by publishing notice on the division's
1514 website, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or
1515 on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the
1516 supervisor.

1517 Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 100.141, Florida
1518 Statutes, is amended to read:

1519 100.141 Notice of special election to fill any vacancy in
1520 office.—

1521 (3) The department shall deliver a copy of such notice to
1522 the supervisor of elections of each county in which the special
1523 election is to be held. The supervisor shall have the notice
1524 published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in the
1525 county at least 10 days ~~before~~ ~~prior to~~ the first day set for
1526 qualifying for office or, for at least 10 days before the first
1527 day set for qualifying for office, publish notice on the
1528 county's website as provided in s. 50.0311 or on the
1529 supervisor's website. ~~If such a newspaper is not published~~
1530 ~~within the period set forth, the supervisor shall post at least~~
1531 ~~five copies of the notice in conspicuous places in the county~~
1532 ~~not less than 10 days prior to the first date set for~~
1533 ~~qualifying.~~

1534 Section 20. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended
1535 to read:

1536 100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.—In any
1537 special election or referendum not otherwise provided for, there
1538 ~~must shall~~ be at least 30 days' notice of the election or
1539 referendum by publication in a newspaper of general circulation
1540 in the county, district, or municipality, or publication on the
1541 county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, the municipality's
1542 website, or the supervisor's website, as applicable ~~as the case~~
1543 may be. The publication ~~must shall~~ be made at least twice, once
1544 in the fifth week and once in the third week ~~before~~ ~~prior to~~ the
1545 week in which the election or referendum is to be held. If the
1546 applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper
1547 of general circulation in the county, district, or municipality,
1548 the notice ~~must shall~~ be posted in no less than five places
1549 within the territorial limits of the county, district, or
1550 municipality.

1551 Section 21. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection
1552 (4) of section 101.001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1553 101.001 Precincts and polling places; boundaries.—

1554 (3)(a) Each supervisor of elections shall maintain a
1555 geographical information system ~~suitable~~ map ~~drawn to a scale no~~
1556 ~~smaller than 3 miles to the inch and~~ clearly delineating all
1557 major observable features such as roads, streams, and railway

1558 lines and showing the current geographical boundaries of each
1559 precinct, representative district, and senatorial district, and
1560 other type of district in the county subject to the elections
1561 process in this code. A supervisor may coordinate with other
1562 governmental entities to comply with this subsection.

1563 ~~(b) The supervisor shall provide to the department data on~~
1564 ~~all precincts in the county associated with the most recent~~
1565 ~~decennial census blocks within each precinct.~~

1566 ~~(c) The department shall maintain a searchable database~~
1567 ~~that contains the precincts and the corresponding most recent~~
1568 ~~decennial census blocks within the precincts for each county,~~
1569 ~~including a historical file that allows the census blocks to be~~
1570 ~~traced through the prior decade.~~

1571 ~~(b)(d)~~ The supervisor of elections shall notify the
1572 Secretary of State in writing within 10 days after any
1573 reorganization of precincts and shall furnish a copy of the
1574 geographical information system compatible map showing the
1575 ~~current~~ geographical boundaries and designation of each new
1576 precinct. ~~However, if precincts are composed of whole census~~
1577 ~~blocks, the supervisor may furnish, in lieu of a copy of the~~
1578 ~~map, a list, in an electronic format prescribed by the~~
1579 ~~Department of State, associating each census block in the county~~
1580 ~~with its precinct.~~

1581 ~~(c)(e)~~ Any precinct established or altered under ~~the~~
1582 ~~provisions of~~ this section must shall consist of areas bounded
1583 on all sides only by census block boundaries from the most
1584 recent United States Census. If the census block boundaries
1585 split or conflict with a municipal or other political
1586 subdivision ~~another political~~ boundary ~~listed below~~, the
1587 boundary listed below may be used as a precinct boundary:

1588 1. Governmental unit boundaries reported in the most recent
1589 Boundary and Annexation Survey published by the United States
1590 Census Bureau; or

1591 ~~2. Visible features that are readily distinguishable upon~~
1592 ~~the ground, such as streets, railroads, tracks, streams, and~~
1593 ~~lakes, and that are indicated upon current census maps, official~~
1594 ~~Department of Transportation maps, official municipal maps,~~
1595 ~~official county maps, or a combination of such maps;~~

1596 ~~3. Boundaries of public parks, public school grounds, or~~
1597 ~~churches; or~~

1598 ~~2.4.~~ Boundaries of counties, incorporated municipalities,
1599 or other political subdivisions that meet criteria established
1600 by the United States Census Bureau for block boundaries.

1601 (4)(a) Within 10 days after there is any change in the
1602 division, name, number, or boundaries of the precincts, or the
1603 location of the polling places, the supervisor of elections
1604 shall make in writing an accurate description of any new or
1605 altered precincts, setting forth the boundary lines and shall
1606 identify the location of each new or altered polling place. A
1607 copy of the document describing such changes must shall be
1608 posted at the supervisor's office.

1609 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 101.048, Florida
1610 Statutes, is amended to read:

1611 101.048 Provisional ballots.—

1612 (1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly
1613 registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in
1614 the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a
1615 person whom an election official asserts is not eligible,
1616 including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been
1617 sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for whom a final
1618 determination of eligibility has not been made, and other
1619 persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a
1620 provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must
1621 ~~shall~~ be placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a
1622 provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must shall
1623 be deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must shall
1624 remain sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of
1625 elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the
1626 provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional
1627 ballot has shall have the right to present written evidence
1628 supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of
1629 elections by not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following
1630 the election.

1631 Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
1632 101.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1633 101.151 Specifications for ballots.—

1634 (4)

1635 (b) When two or more candidates running for the same office
1636 on an a-primary election ballot have the same or a similar
1637 surname, the word "incumbent" must shall appear next to the
1638 incumbent's name.

1639 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 101.5612, Florida
1640 Statutes, is amended to read:

1641 101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.—

1642 (2) On any day not more than 25 days before the
1643 commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, the
1644 supervisor of elections shall have the automatic tabulating
1645 equipment publicly tested to ascertain that the equipment will
1646 correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all
1647 measures. If the ballots to be used at the polling place on
1648 election day are not available at the time of the testing, the
1649 supervisor may conduct an additional test not more than 10 days
1650 before election day. Public notice of the time and place of the
1651 test shall be given at least 48 hours prior thereto by
1652 publication on the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on
1653 the supervisor of elections' website, ~~or and~~ once in one or more
1654 newspapers of general circulation in the county. If the
1655 applicable website becomes unavailable ~~or~~ if there is no
1656 newspaper of general circulation in the county, ~~by posting~~ the
1657 notice must be posted in at least four conspicuous places in the
1658 county. The supervisor or the municipal elections official may,
1659 at the time of qualifying, give written notice of the time and
1660 location of the public preelection test to each candidate
1661 qualifying with that office and obtain a signed receipt that the
1662 notice has been given. The Department of State shall give
1663 written notice to each statewide candidate at the time of
1664 qualifying, or immediately at the end of qualifying, that the
1665 voting equipment will be tested and advise each candidate to

1666 contact the county supervisor of elections as to the time and
1667 location of the public preelection test. The supervisor or the
1668 municipal elections official shall, at least 30 days before the
1669 commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, send
1670 written notice by certified mail to the county party chair of
1671 each political party and to all candidates for other than
1672 statewide office whose names appear on the ballot in the county
1673 and who did not receive written notification from the supervisor
1674 or municipal elections official at the time of qualifying,
1675 stating the time and location of the public preelection test of
1676 the automatic tabulating equipment. The canvassing board shall
1677 convene, and each member of the canvassing board shall certify
1678 to the accuracy of the test. For the test, the canvassing board
1679 may designate one member to represent it. The test shall be open
1680 to representatives of the political parties, the press, and the
1681 public. Each political party may designate one person with
1682 expertise in the computer field who shall be allowed in the
1683 central counting room when all tests are being conducted and
1684 when the official votes are being counted. The designee may
1685 ~~shall~~ not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing
1686 board.

1687 Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 101.6103, Florida
1688 Statutes, is amended to read:

1689 101.6103 Mail ballot election procedure.—

1690 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7), the
1691 supervisor of elections shall mail all official ballots with a
1692 secrecy envelope, a return mailing envelope, and instructions
1693 sufficient to describe the voting process to each elector
1694 entitled to vote in the election within the timeframes specified
1695 in s. 101.62(3), ~~s. 101.62(4)~~. All such ballots must shall be
1696 mailed by first-class mail. Ballots must shall be addressed to
1697 each elector at the address appearing in the registration
1698 records and placed in an envelope which is prominently marked
1699 "Do Not Forward."

1700 Section 26. Section 101.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to
1701 read:

1702 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.—

1703 (1) REQUEST.—

1704 (a) The supervisor shall accept a request for a vote-by
1705 mail ballot only from a voter or, if directly instructed by the
1706 voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's
1707 legal guardian ~~from an elector in person or in writing~~. A
1708 request may be made in person, in writing, by telephone, or
1709 through the supervisor's website. The department shall prescribe
1710 by rule by October 1, 2023, a uniform statewide application to
1711 make a written request for a vote-by-mail ballot which includes
1712 fields for all information required in this subsection. One
1713 request is deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot
1714 for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the
1715 next regularly scheduled general election, unless the voter
1716 ~~elector~~ or the voter's elector's designee indicates at the time
1717 the request is made the elections within such period for which
1718 the voter elector desires to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. The
1719 supervisor must cancel a request for a vote-by-mail ballot ~~Such~~

1720 ~~request may be considered canceled~~ when any first-class mail or
1721 nonforwardable mail sent by the supervisor to the voter elector
1722 is returned as undeliverable. If the voter requests a vote-by
1723 mail ballot thereafter, the voter must provide or confirm his or
1724 her current residential address.

1725 (b) The supervisor may accept a ~~written, an in-person, or a~~
1726 ~~telephonic~~ request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a
1727 voter's ~~an elector's~~ address on file in the Florida Voter
1728 Registration System from the voter elector, or, if directly
1729 instructed by the voter elector, a member of the voter's
1730 ~~elector's~~ immediate family, or the voter's ~~elector's~~ legal
1731 guardian. If an in-person or a telephonic request is made, the
1732 voter elector must provide the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver
1733 license number, the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification
1734 card number, or the last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~
1735 social security number, whichever may be verified in the
1736 supervisor's records. If the ballot is requested to be mailed to
1737 an address other than the voter's ~~elector's~~ address on file in
1738 the Florida Voter Registration System, the request must be made
1739 in writing. A written request must be signed by the voter
1740 ~~elector~~ and include the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver license
1741 number, the voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification card
1742 number, or the last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~ social
1743 security number. However, an absent uniformed services service
1744 voter or an overseas voter seeking a vote-by-mail ballot is not
1745 required to submit a signed, written request for a vote-by-mail
1746 ballot that is being mailed to an address other than the voter's
1747 ~~elector's~~ address on file in the Florida Voter Registration
1748 System. ~~For purposes of this section, the term "immediate~~
1749 ~~family" has the same meaning as specified in paragraph (4)(c).~~
1750 The person making the request must disclose:

- 1751 1. The name of the voter elector for whom the ballot is
1752 requested.
- 1753 2. The voter's ~~elector's~~ address.
- 1754 3. The voter's ~~elector's~~ date of birth.
- 1755 4. The voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida driver license number, the
1756 voter's ~~elector's~~ Florida identification card number, or the
1757 last four digits of the voter's ~~elector's~~ social security
1758 number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records.
1759 If the voter's registration record does not already include the
1760 voter's Florida driver license number or Florida identification
1761 card number or the last four digits of the voter's social
1762 security number, the number provided must be recorded in the
1763 voter's registration record.
- 1764 5. The requester's name.
- 1765 6. The requester's address.
- 1766 7. The requester's driver license number, the requester's
1767 identification card number, or the last four digits of the
1768 requester's social security number, if available.
- 1769 8. The requester's relationship to the voter elector.
- 1770 9. The requester's signature (written requests only).

1771 (c) Upon receiving a request for a vote-by-mail ballot from
1772 an absent voter, the supervisor of elections shall notify the
1773 voter of the free access system that has been designated by the

1774 department for determining the status of his or her vote-by-mail
1775 ballot.

1776 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "immediate
1777 family" refers to the following, as applicable:

1778 1. The voter's spouse, parent, child, grandparent,
1779 grandchild, or sibling, or the parent, child, grandparent,
1780 grandchild, or sibling of the voter's spouse.

1781 2. The designee's spouse, parent, child, grandparent,
1782 grandchild, or sibling, or the parent, child, grandparent,
1783 grandchild, or sibling of the designee's spouse.

1784 ~~(2) A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a~~
1785 ~~voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day~~
1786 ~~before the election by the supervisor. The supervisor shall mail~~
1787 ~~vote-by-mail ballots to voters requesting ballots by such~~
1788 ~~deadline no later than 8 days before the election.~~

1789 (2)(3) ACCESS TO VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUEST INFORMATION.—For each
1790 request for a vote-by-mail ballot received, the supervisor shall
1791 record the following information: the date the request was made;
1792 the identity of the voter's designee making the request, if any;
1793 the Florida driver license number, Florida identification card
1794 number, or last four digits of the social security number of the
1795 voter elector provided with a written request; the date the
1796 vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to the voter or the voter's
1797 designee or the date the vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to
1798 the post office or other carrier; the address to which the
1799 ballot was mailed or the identity of the voter's designee to
1800 whom the ballot was delivered; the date the ballot was received
1801 by the supervisor; the absence of the voter's signature on the
1802 voter's certificate, if applicable; whether the voter's
1803 certificate contains a signature that does not match the voter's
1804 ~~elector's~~ signature in the registration books or precinct
1805 register; and such other information he or she may deem
1806 necessary. This information must shall be provided in electronic
1807 format as provided by division rule. The information must shall
1808 be updated and made available no later than 8 a.m. of each day,
1809 including weekends, beginning 60 days before the primary until
1810 15 days after the general election and shall be
1811 contemporaneously provided to the division. This information is
1812 ~~shall be~~ confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall be
1813 made available to or reproduced only for the voter requesting
1814 the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official, a
1815 political party or official thereof, a candidate who has filed
1816 qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and
1817 registered political committees for political purposes only.

1818 (3)(4) DELIVERY OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS.—

1819 (a) No later than 45 days before each presidential
1820 preference primary election, primary election, and general
1821 election, the supervisor of elections shall send a vote-by-mail
1822 ballot as provided in subparagraph (d)2. ~~(e)2-~~ to each absent
1823 uniformed services voter and to each overseas voter who has
1824 requested a vote-by-mail ballot.

1825 (b) The supervisor shall mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each
1826 absent qualified voter, other than those listed in paragraph
1827 (a), who has requested such a ballot, between the 40th and 33rd

1828 days before the presidential preference primary election,
1829 primary election, and general election.

1830 (c). Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) or
1831 paragraph (b), ~~subsection (2) and after the period described in~~
1832 ~~this paragraph,~~ the supervisor shall mail vote-by-mail ballots
1833 within 2 business days after receiving a request for such a
1834 ballot, but no later than the 10th day before election day. The
1835 deadline to submit a request for a ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m.
1836 local time on the 12th day before an upcoming election.

1837 (d)(e) Upon a request for a vote-by-mail ballot, the
1838 supervisor shall provide a vote-by-mail ballot to each voter
1839 ~~elector~~ by whom a request for that ballot has been made, by one
1840 of the following means:

1841 1. By nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable mail to the
1842 voter's ~~elector's~~ current mailing address on file with the
1843 supervisor or any other address the voter ~~elector~~ specifies in
1844 the request. The envelopes must be prominently marked "Do Not
1845 Forward."

1846 2. By forwardable mail, e-mail, or facsimile machine
1847 transmission to absent uniformed services voters and overseas
1848 voters. The absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter
1849 may designate in the vote-by-mail ballot request the preferred
1850 method of transmission. If the voter does not designate the
1851 method of transmission, the vote-by-mail ballot ~~must~~ shall be
1852 mailed.

1853 3. By personal delivery ~~before 7 p.m. on election day~~ to
1854 the voter after vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed and up to
1855 7 p.m. on election day ~~elector,~~ upon presentation of the
1856 identification required in s. 101.043.

1857 4. By delivery to the voter's ~~a~~ designee after vote-by-mail
1858 ballots have been mailed and up to 7 p.m. on election day ~~or up~~
1859 ~~to 9 days before the day of an election.~~ Any voter ~~elector~~ may
1860 designate in writing a person to pick up the ballot for the
1861 voter ~~elector~~; however, the person designated may not pick up
1862 more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than the
1863 designee's own ballot, except that additional ballots may be
1864 picked up for members of the designee's immediate family. ~~For~~
1865 ~~purposes of this section, "immediate family" means the~~
1866 ~~designee's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild,~~
1867 ~~or sibling of the designee or of the designee's spouse.~~ The
1868 designee shall provide to the supervisor the written
1869 authorization by the voter ~~elector~~ and a picture identification
1870 of the designee and must complete an affidavit. The designee
1871 shall state in the affidavit that the designee is authorized by
1872 the voter ~~elector~~ to pick up that ballot and shall indicate if
1873 the voter ~~elector~~ is a member of the designee's immediate family
1874 and, if so, the relationship. The department shall prescribe the
1875 form of the affidavit. If the supervisor is satisfied that the
1876 designee is authorized to pick up the ballot and that the
1877 signature of the voter ~~elector~~ on the written authorization
1878 matches the signature of the voter ~~elector~~ on file, the
1879 supervisor ~~must~~ shall give the ballot to that designee for
1880 delivery to the voter ~~elector~~.

1881 5. Except as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not

1882 deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to a voter ~~an elector~~ or a voter's
1883 designee pursuant to subparagraph 3. or subparagraph 4.,
1884 respectively, during the mandatory early voting period and up to
1885 7 p.m. on election day, ~~an elector's immediate family member on~~
1886 ~~the day of the election~~ unless there is an emergency, to the
1887 extent that the voter ~~elector~~ will be unable to go to a
1888 designated early voting site in his or her county or to his or
1889 her assigned polling place on election day. If a vote-by-mail
1890 ballot is delivered, the voter ~~elector~~ or his or her designee
1891 ~~must~~ shall execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which
1892 allow for delivery of the vote-by-mail ballot. The department
1893 shall adopt a rule providing for the form of the affidavit.

1894 (4)(5) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—If the department is unable
1895 to certify candidates for an election in time to comply with
1896 paragraph (3)(a) ~~(4)(a)~~, the Department of State is authorized
1897 to prescribe rules for a ballot to be sent to absent uniformed
1898 services voters and overseas voters.

1899 (5)(6) MATERIALS.—Only the materials necessary to vote by
1900 mail may be mailed or delivered with any vote-by-mail ballot.

1901 (6)(7) PROHIBITION.—Except as expressly authorized for
1902 voters having a disability under s. 101.662, for overseas voters
1903 under s. 101.697, or for local referenda under ss. 101.6102 and
1904 101.6103, a county, municipality, or state agency may not send a
1905 vote-by-mail ballot to a voter unless the voter has requested a
1906 vote-by-mail ballot in the manner authorized under this section.

1907 Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 101.67, Florida
1908 Statutes, is amended to read:

1909 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for
1910 receiving vote-by-mail ballots.—

1911 (1)(a). The supervisor of elections shall safely keep in his
1912 or her office any envelopes received containing marked ballots
1913 of absent electors, and he or she shall, before the canvassing
1914 of the election returns, deliver the envelopes to the county
1915 canvassing board along with his or her file or list kept
1916 regarding said ballots.

1917 (b) To the extent practicable, the supervisor of elections
1918 shall segregate any vote-by-mail ballots received from a person
1919 to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for
1920 whom a final determination of eligibility has not been made, and
1921 shall treat them as provisional ballots for individual review by
1922 the county canvassing board. The supervisor shall attempt to
1923 contact each voter whose ballot has been set aside under this
1924 paragraph in the same manner as if the voter had voted a
1925 provisional ballot under s. 101.048.

1926 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 101.68, Florida
1927 Statutes, is amended to read:

1928 101.68 Canvassing of vote-by-mail ballot.—

1929 (1)(a). The supervisor of the county where the absent
1930 elector resides shall receive the voted ballot, at which time
1931 the supervisor shall compare the signature of the elector on the
1932 voter's certificate with the signature of the elector in the
1933 registration books or the precinct register to determine whether
1934 the elector is duly registered in the county and must record on
1935 the elector's registration record that the elector has voted.

1936 During the signature comparison process, the supervisor may not
1937 use any knowledge of the political affiliation of the elector
1938 ~~voter~~ whose signature is subject to verification.

1939 (b). An elector who dies after casting a vote-by-mail ballot
1940 but on or before election day shall remain listed in the
1941 registration books until the results have been certified for the
1942 election in which the ballot was cast. The supervisor shall
1943 safely keep the ballot unopened in his or her office until the
1944 county canvassing board canvasses the vote pursuant to
1945 subsection (2).

1946 (c) If two or more vote-by-mail ballots for the same
1947 election are returned in one mailing envelope, the ballots may
1948 not be counted.

1949 (d). Except as provided in subsection (4), after a vote-by
1950 mail ballot is received by the supervisor, the ballot is deemed
1951 to have been cast, and changes or additions may not be made to
1952 the voter's certificate.

1953 Section 29. Section 101.6923, Florida Statutes, is amended
1954 to read:

1955 101.6923 Special vote-by-mail ballot instructions for
1956 certain first-time voters.—

1957 (1) This section applies ~~The provisions of this section~~
1958 ~~apply~~ to voters who are subject to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 97.0535
1959 and who have not provided the identification or information
1960 required by s. 97.0535 by the time the vote-by-mail ballot is
1961 mailed.

1962 (2) A voter covered by this section must ~~shall~~ be provided
1963 with printed instructions with his or her vote-by-mail ballot in
1964 substantially the following form:

1965

1966 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR
1967 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE
1968 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1969

1970 1. In order to ensure that your vote-by-mail ballot will be
1971 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible
1972 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county
1973 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the
1974 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter
1975 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general
1976 election, your vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated
1977 no later than the date of the election and received by the
1978 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are
1979 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the
1980 election. Note that the later you return your ballot, the less
1981 time you will have to cure signature deficiencies, which is
1982 authorized until 5 p.m. local time on the 2nd day after the
1983 election.

1984 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.
1985 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so
1986 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

1987 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for
1988 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote
1989 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in

1990 that race will not be counted.

1991 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy
1992 envelope and seal the envelope.

1993 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope
1994 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and
1995 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the
1996 envelope.

1997 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
1998 Signature).

1999 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date
2000 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or
2001 your ballot may not be counted.

2002 c. A vote-by-mail ballot will be considered illegal and
2003 will not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate
2004 does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at
2005 the start of the canvass of the vote-by-mail ballots is the
2006 signature that will be used to verify your signature on the
2007 Voter's Certificate. If you need to update your signature for
2008 this election, send your signature update on a voter
2009 registration application to your supervisor of elections so that
2010 it is received before your vote-by-mail ballot is received.

2011 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you
2012 must make a copy of one of the following forms of
2013 identification:

2014 a. Identification which must include your name and
2015 photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;
2016 military identification; student identification; retirement
2017 center identification; neighborhood association identification;
2018 public assistance identification; veteran health identification
2019 card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
2020 a Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an
2021 employee identification card issued by any branch, department,
2022 agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a
2023 county, or a municipality; or

2024 b. Identification which shows your name and current
2025 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,
2026 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding
2027 voter information card).

2028 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply
2029 if you meet one of the following requirements:

2030 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

2031 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

2032 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty
2033 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the
2034 county on election day.

2035 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason
2036 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the
2037 county on election day.

2038 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to
2039 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active
2040 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on
2041 election day.

2042 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

2043 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into

2044 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy
2045 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR
2046 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR
2047 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR
2048 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

2049 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing
2050 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

2051 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to
2052 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote
2053 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote
2054 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under
2055 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

2056 Section 30. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 101.6925,
2057 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2058 101.6925 Canvassing special vote-by-mail ballots.—

2059 (1) The supervisor of the county where the ~~voter absent~~
2060 ~~elector~~ resides shall receive the voted special vote-by-mail
2061 ballot, at which time the mailing envelope ~~must shall~~ be opened
2062 to determine if the voter has enclosed the identification
2063 required or has indicated on the Voter's Certificate that he or
2064 she is exempt from the identification requirements.

2065 (3) If the identification is not enclosed in the mailing
2066 envelope and the voter has not indicated that he or she is
2067 exempt from the identification requirements, the supervisor ~~must~~
2068 ~~shall~~ check the voter registration records to determine if the
2069 voter's identification was previously received or the voter had
2070 previously notified the supervisor that he or she was exempt.
2071 The envelope with the Voter's Certificate ~~may shall~~ not be
2072 opened unless the identification has been received or the voter
2073 has indicated that he or she is exempt. The ballot ~~must shall~~ be
2074 treated as a provisional ballot ~~and may until 7 p.m. on election~~
2075 ~~day and shall~~ not be canvassed unless the supervisor has
2076 received the required identification or written indication of
2077 exemption by ~~5 7 p.m. local time on the 2nd day following the on~~
2078 election ~~day~~.

2079 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 101.694, Florida
2080 Statutes, is amended to read:

2081 101.694 Mailing of ballots upon receipt of federal postcard
2082 application.—

2083 (1) Upon receipt of a federal postcard application for a
2084 vote-by-mail ballot executed by a person whose registration is
2085 in order or whose application is sufficient to register or
2086 update the registration of that person, the supervisor shall
2087 send the ballot in accordance with ~~s. 101.62(3) s. 101.62(4)~~.

2088 Section 32. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 101.71,
2089 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2090 101.71 Polling place.—

2091 (2) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (1),
2092 whenever the supervisor of elections of any county determines
2093 that the accommodations for holding any election at a polling
2094 place designated for any precinct in the county are unavailable,
2095 are inadequate for the expeditious and efficient housing and
2096 handling of voting and voting paraphernalia, or do not comply
2097 with the requirements of s. 101.715, the supervisor shall, not

2098 less than 30 days ~~before~~ ~~prior to~~ the holding of an election,
2099 provide for the voting place for such precinct to be moved to
2100 another site that is accessible to the public on election day in
2101 said precinct or, if such is not available, to another site that
2102 is accessible to the public on election day in a contiguous
2103 precinct. If such action of the supervisor results in the voting
2104 place for two or more precincts being located for the purposes
2105 of an election in one building, the supervisor of elections
2106 shall provide adequate supplies, equipment, and personnel are
2107 available to accommodate the voters for the precincts that are
2108 collocated. When any supervisor moves any polling place pursuant
2109 to this subsection, the supervisor shall, not more than 30 days
2110 or fewer than 7 days ~~before~~ ~~prior to~~ the holding of an election,
2111 give notice of the change of the polling place for the precinct
2112 involved, with clear description of the voting place to which
2113 changed, by publication on the county's website as provided in
2114 s. 50.0311, on the supervisor's website, or at least once in a
2115 newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~and on the~~
2116 ~~supervisor of elections' website~~. A notice of the change of the
2117 polling place involved shall be mailed⁷ at least 14 days ~~before~~
2118 ~~prior to~~ an election⁷, to each registered elector or to each
2119 household in which there is a registered elector.

2120 (5) Public, tax-supported buildings ~~must~~ ~~shall~~ be made
2121 available for use as polling places, or early voting locations
2122 that meet the requirements specified in s. 101.657, upon the
2123 request of the supervisor of elections.

2124 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 101.733, Florida
2125 Statutes, is amended to read:

2126 101.733 Election emergency; purpose; elections emergency
2127 contingency plan.—Because of the existing and continuing
2128 possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before
2129 or during a regularly scheduled or special election, and in
2130 order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral
2131 process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons
2132 seeking to exercise their right to vote, generally to minimize
2133 to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during
2134 declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of
2135 the electoral process, it is hereby found and declared to be
2136 necessary to designate a procedure for the emergency suspension
2137 or delay and rescheduling of elections.

2138 (2) The Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of
2139 State, shall reschedule any election suspended or delayed due to
2140 an emergency. The election shall be held within 10 days after
2141 the date of the suspended or delayed election or as soon
2142 thereafter as is practicable. Notice of the election ~~must~~ ~~shall~~
2143 be published on the affected county's website as provided in s.
2144 50.0311, on the affected supervisor's website, or at least once
2145 in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area and,
2146 where practicable, broadcast as a public service announcement on
2147 radio and television stations at least 1 week ~~before~~ ~~prior to~~
2148 the date the election is to be held.

2149 Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 102.111, Florida
2150 Statutes, is amended to read:

2151 102.111 Elections Canvassing Commission.—

2152 (2) The Elections Canvassing Commission shall meet at 8 9
2153 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election and at 8 9 a.m. on
2154 the 14th day after a general election to certify the returns of
2155 the election for each federal, state, and multicounty office. If
2156 a member of a county canvassing board that was constituted
2157 pursuant to s. 102.141 determines, within 5 days after the
2158 certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission, that a
2159 typographical error occurred in the official returns of the
2160 county, the correction of which could result in a change in the
2161 outcome of an election, the county canvassing board must certify
2162 corrected returns to the Department of State within 24 hours,
2163 and the Elections Canvassing Commission must correct and
2164 recertify the election returns as soon as practicable.

2165 Section 35. Subsection (2) of section 102.112, Florida
2166 Statutes, is amended to read:

2167 102.112 Deadline for submission of county returns to the
2168 Department of State.—

2169 (2) Returns must be filed no later than noon ~~by 5 p.m.~~ on
2170 the 8th 7th day following a primary election and no later than
2171 ~~by~~ noon on the 13th 12th day following the general election.
2172 However, the Department of State may correct typographical
2173 errors, including the transposition of numbers, in any returns
2174 submitted to the Department of State pursuant to s. 102.111(2).

2175 Section 36. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection
2176 (2), and subsection (10) of section 102.141, Florida Statutes,
2177 are amended to read:

2178 102.141 County canvassing board; duties.—

2179 (1) The county canvassing board shall be composed of the
2180 supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as
2181 chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners. The
2182 names of the canvassing board members must be published on the
2183 supervisor's website upon completion of the logic and accuracy
2184 test. At least two alternate canvassing board members must be
2185 appointed pursuant to paragraph (e). In the event any member of
2186 the county canvassing board is unable to serve, is a candidate
2187 who has opposition in the election being canvassed, or is an
2188 active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate
2189 who has opposition in the election being canvassed, such member
2190 shall be replaced as follows:

2191 (a) If ~~a no~~ county court judge is unable ~~able~~ to serve or
2192 if all are disqualified, the chief judge of the judicial circuit
2193 in which the county is located must ~~shall~~ appoint as a
2194 substitute member a qualified elector of the county who is not a
2195 candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and
2196 who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of
2197 any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.
2198 In such event, the members of the county canvassing board shall
2199 meet and elect a chair.

2200 (b) If the supervisor of elections is unable to serve or is
2201 disqualified, the chair of the board of county commissioners
2202 must ~~shall~~ appoint as a substitute member a member of the board
2203 of county commissioners who is not a candidate with opposition
2204 in the election being canvassed and who is not an active
2205 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with

2206 opposition in the election being canvassed. The supervisor,
2207 however, shall act in an advisory capacity to the canvassing
2208 board.

2209 (c) If the chair of the board of county commissioners is
2210 unable to serve or is disqualified, the board of county
2211 commissioners ~~shall~~ must appoint as a substitute member one of
2212 its members who is not a candidate with opposition in the
2213 election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in
2214 the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in
2215 the election being canvassed.

2216 (d) If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be
2217 appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the
2218 event of a vacancy in such office, the chief judge of the
2219 judicial circuit in which the county is located ~~shall~~ must
2220 appoint as a substitute member or alternate member a qualified
2221 elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in
2222 the election being canvassed and who is not an active
2223 participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with
2224 opposition in the election being canvassed.

2225 (e)1. The chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the
2226 county is located shall appoint a county court judge as an
2227 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each
2228 county court judge is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall
2229 appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a
2230 substitute member under paragraph (a). Any alternate may serve
2231 in any seat.

2232 2. The chair of the board of county commissioners shall
2233 appoint a member of the board of county commissioners as an
2234 alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each
2235 member of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve
2236 or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is
2237 qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (d).

2238 3. If a member of the county canvassing board is unable to
2239 participate in a meeting of the board, the chair of the county
2240 canvassing board or his or her designee ~~shall~~ must designate
2241 which alternate member will serve as a member of the board in
2242 the place of the member who is unable to participate at that
2243 meeting.

2244 4. If not serving as one of the three members of the county
2245 canvassing board, an alternate member may be present, observe,
2246 and communicate with the three members constituting the county
2247 canvassing board, but may not vote in the board's decisions or
2248 determinations.

2249 (2)

2250 (b) Public notice of the canvassing board members,
2251 alternates, time, and place at which the county canvassing board
2252 shall meet to canvass the absent electors' ballots and
2253 provisional ballots must be given at least 48 hours prior
2254 thereto by publication on the county's website as provided in s.
2255 50.0311, on the supervisor's website, ~~or and published~~ in one or
2256 more newspapers of general circulation in the county. ~~or~~ If the
2257 applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper
2258 of general circulation in the county, the notice must be posted
2259 ~~by posting such notice~~ in at least four conspicuous places in

2260 the county. The time given in the notice as to the convening of
2261 the meeting of the county canvassing board must be specific and
2262 may not be a time period during which the board may meet.

2263 (10)(a) ~~The supervisor At the same time that the official~~
2264 ~~results of an election are certified to the Department of State,~~
2265 ~~the county canvassing board~~ shall file a report with the
2266 Division of Elections on the conduct of the election no later
2267 than 20 business days after the Elections Canvassing Commission
2268 certifies the election. The report must, at a minimum, describe
2269 all of the following:

2270 1. All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct
2271 level, at a counting location, or within computer and
2272 telecommunications networks supporting a county location, and
2273 the steps that were taken to address the malfunctions.†

2274 2. All election definition errors that were discovered
2275 after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken
2276 to address the errors.†

2277 3. All ballot printing errors, vote-by-mail ballot mailing
2278 errors, or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken
2279 to address the errors or problems.†

2280 4. All staffing shortages or procedural violations by
2281 employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the
2282 supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during
2283 the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to
2284 correct such issues.†

2285 5. All instances where needs for staffing or equipment were
2286 insufficient to meet the needs of the voters.†~~and~~

2287 6. Any additional information regarding material issues or
2288 problems associated with the conduct of the election.

2289 (b) If a supervisor discovers new or additional information
2290 on any of the items required to be included in the report
2291 pursuant to paragraph (a) after the report is filed, the
2292 supervisor must shall notify the division that new information
2293 has been discovered no later than the next business day after
2294 the discovery, and the supervisor must shall file an amended
2295 report signed by the supervisor of elections on the conduct of
2296 the election within 10 days after the discovery.

2297 (c) Such reports must shall be maintained on file in the
2298 Division of Elections and must shall be available for public
2299 inspection.

2300 (d) The division shall review the conduct of election
2301 reports utilize the reports submitted by the canvassing boards
2302 to determine what problems may be likely to occur in other
2303 elections and disseminate such information, along with possible
2304 solutions and training, to the supervisors of elections.

2305 (e) The department shall submit the analysis of these
2306 reports for the general election as part of the consolidated
2307 reports required under ss. 101.591 and 101.595 to the Governor,
2308 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2309 Representatives by February 15 of each year following a general
2310 election.

2311 Section 37. Section 103.021, Florida Statutes, is amended
2312 to read:

2313 103.021 Nomination for presidential electors.—Candidates

2314 for presidential electors shall be nominated in the following
2315 manner:

2316 (1)(a) The Governor shall nominate the presidential
2317 electors of each political party. The state executive committee
2318 of each political party shall by resolution recommend candidates
2319 for presidential electors and deliver a certified copy thereof
2320 to the Governor no later than noon on August 24 ~~before September~~
2321 ~~±~~ of each presidential election year. The Governor shall
2322 nominate only the electors recommended by the state executive
2323 committee of the respective political party.

2324 (b) The state executive committee of each political party
2325 shall submit the Florida voter registration number and contact
2326 information of each presidential elector. Each such presidential
2327 elector ~~must shall~~ be a qualified registered voter of this state
2328 and member elector of the party he or she represents who has
2329 taken a written an oath that he or she will vote for the
2330 candidates of the party that he or she is nominated to
2331 represent.

2332 (c) The Governor shall certify to the Department of State
2333 no later than 5 p.m. on August 24 ~~or before September ±~~, in each
2334 presidential election year, the names of a number of electors
2335 for each political party equal to the number of senators and
2336 representatives which this state has in Congress.

2337 (2) The names of the presidential electors ~~may shall~~ not be
2338 printed on the general election ballot, but the names of the
2339 actual candidates for President and Vice President for whom the
2340 presidential electors will vote if elected ~~must shall~~ be printed
2341 on the ballot in the order in which the party of which the
2342 candidate is a nominee polled the highest number of votes for
2343 Governor in the last general election.

2344 (3) Candidates for President and Vice President with no
2345 party affiliation may have their names printed on the general
2346 election ballots if a petition is signed by 1 percent of the
2347 registered ~~voters electors~~ of this state, as shown by the
2348 compilation by the Department of State for the last preceding
2349 general election. A separate petition from each county for which
2350 signatures are solicited shall be submitted to the supervisor of
2351 elections of the respective county no later than noon on July 15
2352 of each presidential election year. The supervisor shall check
2353 the names and, on or before the date of the primary election,
2354 shall certify the number shown as registered ~~voters electors~~ of
2355 the county. The supervisor shall be paid by the person
2356 requesting the certification the cost of checking the petitions
2357 as prescribed in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward
2358 the certificate to the Department of State which shall determine
2359 whether or not the percentage factor required in this section
2360 has been met. When the percentage factor required in this
2361 section has been met, the Department of State shall order the
2362 names of the candidates for whom the petition was circulated to
2363 be included on the ballot and shall ~~allow permit~~ the required
2364 number of persons to be certified as presidential electors in
2365 the same manner as party candidates.

2366 (4)(a) A minor political party that is affiliated with a
2367 national party holding a national convention to nominate

2368 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States
2369 may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice
2370 President of the United States printed on the general election
2371 ballot by filing with the Department of State a certificate
2372 naming the candidates for President and Vice President and
2373 listing the required number of persons to serve as presidential
2374 electors. Notification to the Department of State under this
2375 subsection ~~must shall~~ be made no later than 5 p.m. on August 24
2376 ~~by September 1~~ of the year in which the general election is
2377 held. When the Department of State has been so notified, it
2378 shall order the names of the candidates nominated by the minor
2379 political party to be included on the ballot and shall allow
2380 ~~permit~~ the required number of persons to be certified as
2381 presidential electors in the same manner as other party
2382 candidates. As used in this section, the term "national party"
2383 means a political party that is registered with and recognized
2384 as a qualified national committee of a political party by the
2385 Federal Election Commission.

2386 (b) A minor political party that is not affiliated with a
2387 national party holding a national convention to nominate
2388 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States
2389 may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice
2390 President printed on the general election ballot if a petition
2391 is signed by 1 percent of the registered voters ~~electors~~ of this
2392 state, as shown by the compilation by the Department of State
2393 for the preceding general election. A separate petition from
2394 each county for which signatures are solicited ~~must shall~~ be
2395 submitted to the supervisors of elections of the respective
2396 county no later than noon on July 15 of each presidential
2397 election year. The supervisor shall check the names and, on or
2398 before the date of the primary election, shall certify the
2399 number shown as registered voters ~~electors~~ of the county. The
2400 supervisor shall be paid by the person requesting the
2401 certification the cost of checking the petitions as prescribed
2402 in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward the certificate
2403 to the Department of State, which shall determine whether or not
2404 the percentage factor required in this section has been met.
2405 When the percentage factor required in this section has been
2406 met, the Department of State shall order the names of the
2407 candidates for whom the petition was circulated to be included
2408 on the ballot and shall allow ~~permit~~ the required number of
2409 persons to be certified as presidential electors in the same
2410 manner as other party candidates.

2411 (5) When for any reason a person nominated or elected as a
2412 presidential elector is unable to serve because of death,
2413 incapacity, or otherwise, the Governor may appoint a person to
2414 fill such vacancy who possesses the qualifications required for
2415 the elector to have been nominated in the first instance. Such
2416 person shall file with the Governor a written ~~an~~ oath that he or
2417 she will support the same candidates for President and Vice
2418 President that the person who is unable to serve was committed
2419 to support.

2420 (6) A presidential elector's refusal or failure to vote for
2421 the candidates for President and Vice President of the party the

2422 presidential elector was nominated to represent constitutes his
2423 or her resignation of the position. The vote he or she cast may
2424 not be recorded, and his or her position as a presidential
2425 elector must be filled as provided in subsection (5).

2426 Section 38. Section 103.022, Florida Statutes, is amended
2427 to read:

2428 103.022 Write-in candidates for President and Vice
2429 President.—

2430 (1) Persons seeking to qualify for election as write-in
2431 candidates for President and Vice President of the United States
2432 may have a blank space provided on the general election ballot
2433 for their names to be written in by filing an oath with the
2434 Department of State at any time after the 57th day, but before
2435 noon of the 49th day, before ~~prior to~~ the date of the primary
2436 election in the year in which a presidential election is held.

2437 (2) The Department of State shall prescribe the form to be
2438 used in administering the oath.

2439 (3) The write-in candidates shall file with the department
2440 a certificate naming the required number of persons to serve as
2441 electors. The write-in candidates shall submit the Florida voter
2442 registration number and contact information for each
2443 presidential elector. Each presidential elector must be a
2444 qualified registered voter of this state. Such write-in
2445 candidates ~~are shall not be~~ entitled to have their names on the
2446 ballot.

2447 Section 39. Subsection (4) of section 103.091, Florida
2448 Statutes, is amended to read:

2449 103.091 Political parties.—

2450 (4) Any political party other than a minor political party
2451 may by rule provide for the membership of its state or county
2452 executive committee to be elected for 4-year terms at the
2453 primary election in each year a presidential election is held.
2454 The terms ~~shall~~ commence on the first day of the month following
2455 each presidential general election; but the names of candidates
2456 for political party offices ~~may shall~~ not be placed on the
2457 ballot at any other election. The results of such election are
2458 ~~shall be~~ determined by a plurality of the votes cast. In such
2459 event, electors seeking to qualify for such office shall do so
2460 with the Department of State or supervisor of elections not
2461 earlier than noon of the 71st day, or later than noon of the
2462 67th day, preceding the primary election. A qualifying office
2463 may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than
2464 14 days before the beginning of the qualifying period, to be
2465 processed and filed during the qualifying period. The outgoing
2466 chair of each county executive committee shall, within 30 days
2467 after the committee members take office, hold an organizational
2468 meeting of all newly elected members for the purpose of electing
2469 officers. The chair of each state executive committee shall,
2470 within 60 days after the committee members take office, hold an
2471 organizational meeting of all newly elected members for the
2472 purpose of electing officers.

2473 Section 40. Section 104.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to
2474 read:

2475 104.16 Voting fraudulent ballot.—

2476 (1) Any elector who knowingly votes or attempts to vote a
2477 fraudulent ballot, or any person who knowingly solicits, or
2478 attempts, to vote a fraudulent ballot, is guilty of a felony of
2479 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
2480 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2481 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an elector to whom
2482 notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7) and who votes a
2483 provisional ballot or vote-by-mail ballot before a final
2484 determination of eligibility is made.

2485 Section 41. Section 104.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to
2486 read:

2487 104.18 Casting more than one ballot at any election.—

2488 (1) Except as provided in s. 101.6952, whoever willfully
2489 votes more than one ballot at any election commits a felony of
2490 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
2491 775.083, or s. 775.084. In any prosecution under this section,
2492 the prosecution may proceed in any jurisdiction in which one of
2493 the ballots was willfully cast, and it is not necessary to prove
2494 which of the ballots was cast first.

2495 (2) For purposes of this section, the term “votes more than
2496 one ballot at any election” means an occurrence of any of the
2497 following:

2498 (a) Voting more than once in the same election within a
2499 county located within this state.

2500 (b) Voting more than once in the same election by voting in
2501 two or more counties located in this state.

2502 (c) Voting more than once in the same election by voting in
2503 this state and in one or more other states or territories of the
2504 United States.

2505 Section 42. Subsection (1) of section 104.42, Florida
2506 Statutes, is amended to read:

2507 104.42 Fraudulent registration and illegal voting;
2508 investigation.—

2509 (1) The supervisor of elections is authorized to
2510 investigate fraudulent registrations and illegal voting and to
2511 report his or her findings to the local state attorney and the
2512 Office of Election Crimes and Security ~~Florida Elections~~
2513 ~~Commission~~.

2514 Section 43. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of
2515 section 105.031, Florida Statutes, to read:

2516 105.031 Qualification; filing fee; candidate’s oath; items
2517 required to be filed.—

2518 (4) CANDIDATE’S OATH.—

2519 (c) In addition, each candidate for judicial office shall,
2520 at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in
2521 writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines, fees, or
2522 penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any violations of s.
2523 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for
2524 Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112, any
2525 local ethics ordinance governing standards of conduct and
2526 disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. If the candidate owes
2527 any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties exceeding the
2528 threshold amount specified in this paragraph, he or she must
2529 also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied such

2530 fine, fee, or penalty. For purposes of this paragraph, any such
2531 finances, fees, or penalties that have been paid in full at the
2532 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation are not deemed to
2533 be outstanding.

2534 Section 44. Present paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of
2535 subsection (7) of section 106.03, Florida Statutes, are
2536 redesignated as paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), respectively, and
2537 a new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, to read:

2538 106.03 Registration of political committees and
2539 electioneering communications organizations.—

2540 (7) The Division of Elections shall adopt rules to
2541 prescribe the manner in which committees and electioneering
2542 communications organizations may be dissolved and have their
2543 registration canceled. Such rules shall, at a minimum, provide
2544 for:

2545 (a) Payment of fines prior to registration cancelation or
2546 dissolution.

2547 Section 45. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection
2548 (8) of section 106.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2549 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

2550 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate or
2551 political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file regular
2552 reports of all contributions received, and all expenditures
2553 made, by or on behalf of such candidate or political committee.
2554 Except for the third calendar quarter immediately preceding a
2555 general election as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b), reports
2556 must shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each
2557 calendar quarter month from the time the campaign treasurer is
2558 appointed, except that, if the 10th day following the end of a
2559 calendar quarter month occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
2560 holiday, the report must shall be filed on the next following
2561 day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly
2562 Monthly reports must shall include all contributions received
2563 and expenditures made during the calendar quarter month which
2564 have not otherwise been reported pursuant to this section.

2565 (a) A statewide candidate or a political committee required
2566 to file reports with the division must file reports:

2567 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary
2568 election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report
2569 being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general
2570 election.

2571 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general
2572 election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report
2573 being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general
2574 election.

2575 (b) Any other candidate or a political committee required
2576 to file reports with a filing officer other than the division
2577 must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the
2578 primary election, and biweekly on each Friday thereafter through
2579 and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general
2580 election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days
2581 before the primary election and the general election.

2582 (c) Following the last day of qualifying for office, any
2583 unopposed candidate need only file a report within 90 days after

2584 the date such candidate became unopposed. Such report shall
2585 contain all previously unreported contributions and expenditures
2586 as required by this section and shall reflect disposition of
2587 funds as required by s. 106.141.

2588 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy
2589 in office, all political committees making contributions or
2590 expenditures to influence the results of such special election
2591 or the preceding special primary election shall file campaign
2592 treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by
2593 the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.

2594 2. When an election is called for an issue to appear on the
2595 ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on
2596 the ballot, all political committees making contributions or
2597 expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall
2598 file reports on the 18th and 4th days before such election.

2599 (e) The filing officer shall provide each candidate with a
2600 schedule designating the beginning and end of reporting periods
2601 as well as the corresponding designated due dates.

2602 (f) A county, a municipality, or any other local
2603 governmental entity is expressly preempted from enacting or
2604 adopting a reporting schedule that differs from the requirements
2605 established in this subsection.

2606 (8)

2607 (c) Any candidate or chair of a political committee may
2608 appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to,
2609 unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the
2610 designated due date, and may request and shall be entitled to a
2611 hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall
2612 have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The
2613 Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and
2614 aggravating circumstances contained in s. 106.265(3) ~~s-~~
2615 ~~106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be
2616 waived. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after
2617 receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case, the
2618 candidate or chair of the political committee shall, within the
2619 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or
2620 her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

2621 Section 46. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of section
2622 106.0702, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2623 106.0702 Reporting; political party executive committee
2624 candidates.—

2625 (7)

2626 (c) A reporting individual may appeal or dispute the fine,
2627 based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances
2628 surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and
2629 may request and is entitled to a hearing before the Florida
2630 Elections Commission, which has the authority to waive the fine
2631 in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must
2632 consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained
2633 in s. 106.265(3) ~~s-106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a
2634 fine, if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made
2635 within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In
2636 such case, the reporting individual must, within 20 days after
2637 receipt of the notice, notify the supervisor in writing of his

2638 or her intention to bring the matter before the commission.

2639 Section 47. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph
2640 (c) of subsection (7) of section 106.0703, Florida Statutes, are
2641 amended to read:

2642 106.0703 Electioneering communications organizations;
2643 reporting requirements; certification and filing; penalties.—

2644 (1)(a) Each electioneering communications organization
2645 shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all
2646 expenditures made by or on behalf of the organization. Except
2647 for the third calendar quarter immediately preceding a general
2648 election as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), reports must be
2649 filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter
2650 ~~month~~ from the time the organization is registered. However, if
2651 the 10th day following the end of a calendar quarter ~~month~~
2652 occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report must
2653 be filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday,
2654 Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly ~~Monthly~~ reports must include
2655 all contributions received and expenditures made during the
2656 calendar quarter ~~month~~ that have not otherwise been reported
2657 pursuant to this section.

2658 (7)

2659 (c) The treasurer of an electioneering communications
2660 organization may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not
2661 limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to
2662 file on the designated due date, and may request and shall be
2663 entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission,
2664 which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in
2665 part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the
2666 mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in s.
2667 106.265(3) ~~s. 106.265(2)~~ when determining the amount of a fine,
2668 if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made within 20
2669 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case,
2670 the treasurer of the electioneering communications organization
2671 shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in
2672 writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the
2673 commission.

2674 Section 48. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
2675 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2676 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

2677 (2)

2678 (b) A candidate for statewide office may not accept
2679 contributions from national, state, or county executive
2680 committees of a political party, including any subordinate
2681 committee of the political party, or affiliated party
2682 committees, which contributions in the aggregate exceed
2683 \$250,000. Polling services, research services, costs for
2684 campaign staff, professional consulting services, ~~and~~ telephone
2685 calls, and text messages are not contributions to be counted
2686 toward the contribution limits of paragraph (a) or this
2687 paragraph. Any item not expressly identified in this paragraph
2688 as nonallocable is a contribution in an amount equal to the fair
2689 market value of the item and must be counted as allocable toward
2690 the contribution limits of paragraph (a) or this paragraph.
2691 Nonallocable, in-kind contributions must be reported by the

2692 candidate under s. 106.07 and by the political party or
2693 affiliated party committee under s. 106.29.

2694 Section 49. Section 106.1436, Florida Statutes, is created
2695 to read:

2696 106.1436 Voter guide; disclaimers; violations.—

2697 (1) As used in this section, the term “voter guide” means
2698 direct mail that is either an electioneering communication or a
2699 political advertisement sent for the purpose of advocating for
2700 or endorsing particular issues or candidates by recommending
2701 specific electoral choices to the voter or by indicating issue
2702 or candidate selections on an unofficial ballot. The term does
2703 not apply to direct mail or publications made by governmental
2704 entities or government officials in their official capacity.

2705 (2) A person may not, directly or indirectly, represent
2706 that a voter guide is an official publication of a political
2707 party unless such person is given written permission pursuant to
2708 s. 103.081.

2709 (3) A voter guide circulated before, or on the day of, an
2710 election must, in bold font with a font size of at least 12
2711 point, prominently:

2712 (a) Display the following disclaimer at the top of the
2713 first page of the voter guide:

2714 1. If the voter guide is an electioneering communication,
2715 the disclaimer required under s. 106.1439; or

2716 2. If the voter guide is a political advertisement, the
2717 disclaimer required under s. 106.143.

2718 (b) Be marked “Voter Guide” with such text appearing
2719 immediately below the disclaimer required in paragraph (a).

2720 (4)(a) In addition to any other penalties provided by law,
2721 a person who fails to comply with this section commits a
2722 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
2723 775.082 or by a fine of not less than \$25 for each individual
2724 voter guide distributed.

2725 (b) Any fine imposed pursuant to paragraph (a) may not
2726 exceed \$2,500 in the aggregate in any calendar month.

2727 Section 50. Present subsections (2) through (6) of section
2728 106.265, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)
2729 through (7), respectively, subsection (1) of that section is
2730 amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to
2731 read:

2732 106.265 Civil penalties.—

2733 (1)(a) The commission or, in cases referred to the Division
2734 of Administrative Hearings pursuant to s. 106.25(5), the
2735 administrative law judge is authorized upon the finding of a
2736 violation of this chapter or chapter 104 to impose civil
2737 penalties in the form of fines not to exceed \$2,500 ~~\$1,000~~ per
2738 count. The fine may be multiplied by a factor of 3, not to
2739 exceed \$7,500, for each subsequent count of the same category,
2740 beginning with the fourth offense. ~~or,~~

2741 (b) If applicable, the commission or the administrative law
2742 judge may instead ~~to~~ impose a civil penalty as provided in s.
2743 104.271 or s. 106.19.

2744 (2) A fine imposed against a political committee jointly
2745 and severally attaches to the chair of the political committee

2746 if the political committee does not pay the fine within 30 days.

2747 Section 51. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section

2748 322.142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2749 322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.—

2750 (4) The department may maintain a film negative or print

2751 file. The department shall maintain a record of the digital

2752 image and signature of the licensees, together with other data

2753 required by the department for identification and retrieval.

2754 Reproductions from the file or digital record are exempt from

2755 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and may be made and issued only:

2756 (e) To the Department of State or a supervisor of elections

2757 pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate

2758 determinations of eligibility of voter registration applicants

2759 and registered voters in accordance with ss. 98.045 and 98.075;

2760 Section 52. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this

2761 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon

2762 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,

2763 2023.