

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.021,
3 F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s.
4 97.055, F.S.; providing that a change of a voter's
5 party affiliation received during a certain period is
6 not effective until after a certain date; amending s.
7 97.071, F.S.; prohibiting certain voter information
8 cards from being issued until after a certain date;
9 amending s. 97.1031, F.S.; conforming provisions to
10 changes made by the act; amending s. 98.015, F.S.;
11 requiring supervisors of elections to designate the
12 main office of the supervisor; authorizing supervisors
13 to designate branch offices of the supervisor;
14 requiring supervisors to notify the Division of
15 Elections in writing of the locations of such offices
16 by a specified date; requiring supervisors to provide
17 certain notification to the division within a
18 specified timeframe; specifying the hours of operation
19 for the main office of the supervisor; amending s.
20 98.077, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by
21 the act; amending s. 98.081, F.S.; prohibiting an
22 elector who makes a certain request from registering
23 with a different party affiliation until after a
24 certain date; amending s. 98.0981, F.S.; conforming
25 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.

26 | 98.255, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to
27 | adopt certain rules; amending s. 99.061, F.S.;
28 | revising the dates by which persons seeking to qualify
29 | for certain offices must file qualifying papers and
30 | pay certain fees and assessments; amending s. 99.063,
31 | F.S.; revising the date by which a candidate for
32 | Governor must designate a Lieutenant Governor and the
33 | date by which such designee must file certain
34 | documents with the department; amending s. 99.103,
35 | F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
36 | act; amending s. 100.061, F.S.; revising provisions
37 | relating to primary elections to provide the date on
38 | which a first primary election shall be held and to
39 | provide that a candidate who receives a majority,
40 | rather than the highest number, of the votes at such
41 | election is declared nominated; creating s. 100.062,
42 | F.S.; providing for a second primary election in
43 | certain circumstances; providing the date on which a
44 | second primary election shall be held; providing
45 | criteria for placing candidates on the ballot;
46 | providing that the candidate who receives the highest
47 | number of votes at such election is declared
48 | nominated; requiring certain persons to draw lots in
49 | the case of a tie; amending ss. 100.081, 100.111,
50 | 100.141, and 101.252, F.S.; conforming provisions to

51 changes made by the act; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.;
52 authorizing a voter to choose and requiring the
53 supervisor to provide the option to vote in a certain
54 manner; amending s. 101.62, F.S.; conforming
55 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
56 101.69, F.S.; providing that secure ballot intake
57 stations may be placed only at the main office of the
58 supervisor and at each early voting site; requiring
59 that all secure ballot intake stations be continuously
60 monitored by an employee of the supervisor; amending
61 s. 102.014, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes
62 made by the act; amending s. 103.021, F.S.; revising
63 the date by which certain petitions must be submitted
64 to the supervisor of elections; amending s. 103.022,
65 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
66 act; amending s. 103.091, F.S.; revising the period in
67 which electors seeking to qualify for certain offices
68 must do so; amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising the
69 period in which candidates seeking to qualify for
70 certain offices must do so; amending ss. 105.041 and
71 105.051, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
72 by the act; amending ss. 106.07, 106.0702, and
73 106.0703, F.S.; revising the dates on which certain
74 reports must be filed; amending ss. 106.08 and 106.29,
75 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the

76 act; amending s. 106.35, F.S.; revising the date on
 77 which the distribution of certain funds must begin;
 78 providing effective dates.

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

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 82 Section 1. Subsections (7) through (18) and (19) through
 83 (47) of section 97.021, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
 84 subsections (8) through (19) and (21) through (49),
 85 respectively, and new subsections (7) and (20) are added to that
 86 section, to read:

87 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
 88 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

89 (7) "Branch office of the supervisor" means a building,
 90 structure, or facility, other than the main office of the
 91 supervisor, which is a permanent location where business of the
 92 supervisor is conducted.

93 (20) "Main office of the supervisor" means the building,
 94 structure, or facility that is the permanent location where the
 95 main business of the supervisor is conducted.

96 Section 2. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (33) of
 97 section 97.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

98 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
 99 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

100 (33) "Primary election" means an election held preceding

101 the general election for the purpose of nominating a party
 102 nominee to be voted for in the general election to fill a
 103 national, state, county, or district office. The first primary
 104 election is a nomination or elimination election. The second
 105 primary election is a nomination election only.

106 Section 3. Effective January 1, 2025, paragraph (a) of
 107 subsection (1) of section 97.055, Florida Statutes, is amended
 108 to read:

109 97.055 Registration books; when closed for an election.—

110 (1)(a) The registration books must be closed on the 29th
 111 day before each election and must remain closed until after that
 112 election. If an election is called and there are fewer than 29
 113 days before that election, the registration books must be closed
 114 immediately. However, a change of a voter's party affiliation
 115 received between the book-closing date of the first primary
 116 election and the date of the second primary election is not
 117 effective until after the date of the second primary election.

118 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (3) of
 119 section 97.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120 97.071 Voter information card.—

121 (3) In the case of a change of name, address of legal
 122 residence, polling place address, or party affiliation, the
 123 supervisor shall issue the voter a new voter information card.
 124 However, a voter information card indicating a party affiliation
 125 change made between the book-closing date of the first primary

126 election and the date of the second primary election may not be
 127 issued until after the date of the second primary election. A
 128 temporary change made to a polling location pursuant to ss.
 129 101.71 and 101.74 does not require the issuance of a new voter
 130 information card.

131 Section 5. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (3) of
 132 section 97.1031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

133 97.1031 Notice of change of residence, change of name, or
 134 change of party affiliation.—

135 (3) The voter registration official shall make the
 136 necessary changes in the elector's records as soon as practical
 137 upon receipt of such notice of a change of address of legal
 138 residence, name, or party affiliation. The supervisor of
 139 elections shall issue the new voter information card subject to
 140 the issuance restriction in s. 97.071(3).

141 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 98.015, Florida
 142 Statutes, is amended to read:

143 98.015 Supervisor of elections; election, tenure of
 144 office, compensation, custody of registration-related documents,
 145 office hours, successor, seal; appointment of deputy
 146 supervisors; duties.—

147 (4) The supervisor shall designate the main office of the
 148 supervisor. The supervisor may designate one or more branch
 149 offices of the supervisor. By July 15, 2024, and by each January
 150 15 thereafter, the supervisor shall notify the division in

151 writing of the location of the main office of the supervisor
152 and, if applicable, the locations of any branch offices of the
153 supervisor. The supervisor shall notify the division in writing
154 of any change in the location of the main office of the
155 supervisor or a branch office of the supervisor within 10 days
156 after such change is made. At a minimum, the main office of the
157 supervisor must be open Monday through Friday, excluding legal
158 holidays, for a period of not less than 8 hours per day,
159 beginning no later than 9 a.m.

160 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 98.077, Florida
161 Statutes, is amended to read:

162 98.077 Update of voter signature.—

163 (3) At least once during each general election year before
164 the presidential preference primary or the first primary
165 election, whichever occurs first, the supervisor shall publish
166 in a newspaper of general circulation or other newspaper in the
167 county, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on
168 the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the
169 supervisor, a notice specifying when, where, or how a voter can
170 update his or her signature that is on file and how a voter can
171 obtain a voter registration application from a voter
172 registration official.

173 Section 8. Effective January 1, 2025, subsections (1) and
174 (2) of section 98.081, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
175 subsections (2) and (3), respectively, and a new subsection (1)

176 is added to that section to read:

177 98.081 Names removed from the statewide voter registration
 178 system; restrictions on reregistering; recordkeeping;
 179 restoration of erroneously or illegally removed names.—

180 (1) Any elector who requests that his or her name be
 181 removed from the statewide voter registration system between the
 182 book-closing date of the first primary election and the date of
 183 the second primary election may not register with a different
 184 party affiliation until after the date of the second primary
 185 election.

186 Section 9. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) and
 187 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 98.0981, Florida
 188 Statutes, are amended to read:

189 98.0981 Reports; voting history; statewide voter
 190 registration system information; precinct-level election
 191 results; book closing statistics; live turnout data.—

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

197 (a) Reconciliation.—For each presidential preference
 198 primary election, special first primary election, special second
 199 primary election, special election, first primary election,
 200 second primary election, and general election, the supervisor

201 shall reconcile the aggregate total of ballots cast in each
 202 precinct to the aggregate number of voters with voter history
 203 pursuant to paragraph (b) and the precinct-level election
 204 results pursuant to subsection (3) and submit a reconciliation
 205 report. The report must be submitted to the department in an
 206 electronic format pursuant to file format and specifications set
 207 forth by rule. The report must include a written explanation if
 208 the reconciliation results in a discrepancy between the voter
 209 history and the election results.

210 (b) Voting history.—For each presidential preference
 211 primary, special election, special first primary election,
 212 special second primary election, first primary election, second
 213 primary election, or general election, as applicable,
 214 supervisors of elections shall transmit completely updated
 215 voting history information for each qualified voter to the
 216 department. Such information must be provided in a uniform
 217 electronic format pursuant to file specifications adopted by the
 218 department by rule. The voting history information must include:

219 1. The unique identifier assigned to each qualified voter
 220 within the statewide voter registration system.

221 2. Each qualified voter's unique precinct identifier, as
 222 designated by the county within the statewide voter registration
 223 system, at the time of voting. For purposes of this
 224 subparagraph, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an
 225 alphanumeric code representing the precinct name or number and

226 containing no more than the maximum characters as specified by
 227 rule.

228 3. Specifics as to each qualified voter's voting history,
 229 including whether the qualified voter voted a regular ballot
 230 during the early voting period, voted during the early voting
 231 period using a provisional ballot that was subsequently counted,
 232 voted a regular ballot at a precinct location, voted at a
 233 precinct location using a provisional ballot that was
 234 subsequently counted, voted by vote-by-mail ballot, attempted to
 235 vote by a timely received vote-by-mail ballot that was not
 236 counted, attempted to vote by a vote-by-mail ballot that was
 237 received untimely, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that
 238 was not counted, or did not vote.

239 (c) Precinct boundaries.—For each presidential preference
 240 primary election, special first primary election, special second
 241 primary election, special election, first primary election,
 242 second primary election, and general election, the supervisor
 243 shall submit to the department the geographical information
 244 system map of precinct boundaries created and maintained
 245 pursuant to s. 101.001 for the applicable election.

246 (3) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS.—

247 (b) The department shall make such information available
 248 online no later than 60 days after the Elections Canvassing
 249 Commission certifies the presidential preference primary
 250 election, special first primary election, special second primary

251 election, special election, first primary election, second
 252 primary election, or general election, as applicable. The
 253 website containing the information must include the file layout
 254 and codes. The information must be searchable and sortable by
 255 county, precinct, and candidate; must be downloadable in a tab-
 256 delimited format; and must be available for download county-by-
 257 county.

258 Section 10. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) of
 259 section 98.255, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

260 98.255 Voter education programs.—

261 (1) The Department of State shall adopt rules prescribing
 262 minimum standards for nonpartisan voter education. The standards
 263 must ~~shall~~, at a minimum, address all of the following:

- 264 (a) Voter registration.†
- 265 (b) Balloting procedures, by mail and polling place.†
- 266 (c) Voter rights and responsibilities.†
- 267 (d) Distribution of sample ballots.† ~~and~~
- 268 (e) Public service announcements.
- 269 (f) The primary election process.

270 Section 11. Effective January 1, 2025, subsections (1),
 271 (2), (3), and (9) of section 99.061, Florida Statutes, are
 272 amended to read:

273 99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to
 274 federal, state, county, or district office.—

275 (1) The provisions of any special act to the contrary

276 notwithstanding, each person seeking to qualify for nomination
 277 or election to a federal, state, or multicounty district office,
 278 other than election to a judicial office as defined in chapter
 279 105 or the office of school board member, shall file his or her
 280 qualification papers with, and pay the qualifying fee, which
 281 shall consist of the filing fee and election assessment, and
 282 party assessment, if any has been levied, to, the Department of
 283 State, or qualify by the petition process pursuant to s. 99.095
 284 with the Department of State, at any time after noon of the 1st
 285 day for qualifying, which shall be as follows: the 71st ~~120th~~
 286 day before the date of ~~prior to~~ the first primary election, but
 287 not later than noon of the 67th ~~116th~~ day before ~~prior to~~ the
 288 date of the first primary election, for persons seeking to
 289 qualify for nomination or election to:

- 290 (a) Federal office;
- 291 (b) A state or multicounty district office;
- 292 (c) The office of the state attorney; or
- 293 (d) The office of the public defender ~~or to the office of~~
 294 ~~the state attorney or the public defender; and noon of the 71st~~
 295 ~~day prior to the primary election, but not later than noon of~~
 296 ~~the 67th day prior to the date of the primary election, for~~
 297 ~~persons seeking to qualify for nomination or election to a state~~
 298 ~~or multicounty district office, other than the office of the~~
 299 ~~state attorney or the public defender.~~

300 (2) The provisions of any special act to the contrary

301 notwithstanding, each person seeking to qualify for nomination
 302 or election to a county office, or district office not covered
 303 by subsection (1), shall file his or her qualification papers
 304 with, and pay the qualifying fee, which shall consist of the
 305 filing fee and election assessment, and party assessment, if any
 306 has been levied, to, the supervisor of elections of the county,
 307 or shall qualify by the petition process pursuant to s. 99.095
 308 with the supervisor of elections, at any time after noon of the
 309 1st day for qualifying, which shall be the 71st day before the
 310 date of ~~prior to~~ the first primary election, but not later than
 311 noon of the 67th day before ~~prior to~~ the date of the first
 312 primary election. Within 30 days after the closing of qualifying
 313 time, the supervisor of elections shall remit to the secretary
 314 of the state executive committee of the political party to which
 315 the candidate belongs the amount of the filing fee, two-thirds
 316 of which shall be used to promote the candidacy of candidates
 317 for county offices and the candidacy of members of the
 318 Legislature.

319 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act to
 320 the contrary, each person seeking to qualify for election to a
 321 special district office shall qualify between noon of the 71st
 322 day before the date of ~~prior to~~ the first primary election and
 323 noon of the 67th day before ~~prior to~~ the date of the first
 324 primary election. Candidates for single-county special districts
 325 shall qualify with the supervisor of elections in the county in

326 | which the district is located. If the district is a multicounty
 327 | district, candidates shall qualify with the Department of State.
 328 | All special district candidates shall qualify by paying a filing
 329 | fee of \$25 or qualify by the petition process pursuant to s.
 330 | 99.095. Notwithstanding s. 106.021, a candidate who does not
 331 | collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee
 332 | or signature verification fee is not required to appoint a
 333 | campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository.

334 | (9) Notwithstanding the qualifying period prescribed by
 335 | this section, in each year in which the Legislature apportions
 336 | the state, the qualifying period for persons seeking to qualify
 337 | for nomination or election to the office of state senator or
 338 | state representative ~~federal office~~ shall be between noon of the
 339 | 71st day before the date of ~~prior to~~ the second primary
 340 | election, but not later than noon of the 67th day before the
 341 | date of ~~prior to~~ the second primary election.

342 | Section 12. Effective January 1, 2025, subsections (1),
 343 | (2), and (4) of section 99.063, Florida Statutes, are amended to
 344 | read:

345 | 99.063 Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.—

346 | (1) No later than 5 p.m. of the 9th day following the
 347 | second primary election, each candidate for Governor shall
 348 | designate a Lieutenant Governor as a running mate. Such
 349 | designation must be made in writing to the Department of State.

350 | (2) No later than 5 p.m. of the 9th day following the

351 second primary election, each designated candidate for
 352 Lieutenant Governor shall file with the Department of State:

353 (a) The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must
 354 contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the
 355 ballot; the office sought; and the signature of the candidate,
 356 which must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s.
 357 92.525(1) (a) .

358 (b) If the office sought is partisan, the written
 359 statement of political party affiliation required by s.
 360 99.021(1) (b); or if the office sought is without party
 361 affiliation, the written statement required by s. 99.021(1) (c) .

362 (c) The full and public disclosure of financial interests
 363 pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution. A public
 364 officer who has filed the full and public disclosure with the
 365 Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a
 366 copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

367 (4) In order to have the name of the candidate for
 368 Lieutenant Governor printed on the first or second primary
 369 election ballot, a candidate for Governor participating in the
 370 primary must designate the candidate for Lieutenant Governor,
 371 and the designated candidate must qualify no later than the end
 372 of the qualifying period specified in s. 99.061.

373 Section 13. Effective January 1, 2025, section 99.103,
 374 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

375 99.103 Department of State to remit part of filing fees

376 and party assessments of candidates to state executive
 377 committee.—

378 (1) If more than three-fourths of the full authorized
 379 membership of the state executive committee of any party was
 380 elected at the last previous election for such members and if
 381 such party is declared by the Department of State to have
 382 recorded on the registration books of the counties, as of the
 383 first Tuesday after the first Monday in January before the date
 384 of ~~prior to~~ the first primary election in general election
 385 years, 5 percent of the total registration of such counties when
 386 added together, such committee shall receive, for the purpose of
 387 meeting its expenses, all filing fees collected by the
 388 Department of State from its candidates less an amount equal to
 389 15 percent of the filing fees, which amount the Department of
 390 State shall deposit in the General Revenue Fund of the state.

391 (2) Not later than 20 days after the close of qualifying
 392 in even-numbered years, the Department of State shall remit 95
 393 percent of all filing fees, less the amount deposited in general
 394 revenue pursuant to subsection (1), or party assessments that
 395 may have been collected by the department to the respective
 396 state executive committees of the parties complying with
 397 subsection (1). Party assessments collected by the Department of
 398 State shall be remitted to the appropriate state executive
 399 committee, irrespective of other requirements of this section,
 400 provided such committee is duly organized under the provisions

401 of chapter 103. The remainder of filing fees or party
 402 assessments collected by the Department of State shall be
 403 remitted to the appropriate state executive committees not later
 404 than the date of the first primary election.

405 Section 14. Effective January 1, 2025, section 100.061,
 406 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

407 100.061 First primary election.—In each year in which a
 408 general election is held, a first primary election for
 409 nomination of candidates of political parties shall be held on
 410 the Tuesday 20 ~~11~~ weeks before the date of ~~prior to~~ the general
 411 election. Each ~~The~~ candidate receiving a majority of the highest
 412 ~~number of~~ votes cast in each contest in the first primary
 413 election shall be declared nominated for such office. A second
 414 primary election shall be held as provided in s. 100.062 in
 415 every contest in which a candidate does not receive a majority
 416 ~~If two or more candidates receive an equal and highest number of~~
 417 ~~votes for the same office, such candidates shall draw lots to~~
 418 ~~determine which candidate is nominated.~~

419 Section 15. Effective January 1, 2025, section 100.062,
 420 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

421 100.062 Second primary election.—

422 (1) In each year in which a general election is held, a
 423 second primary election for nomination of candidates of
 424 political parties for which candidates were not nominated in the
 425 first primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 10 weeks

426 before the date of the general election.

427 (2) The names of the candidates placing first and second
428 in the first primary election shall be placed on the ballot in
429 the second primary election, subject to the following
430 exceptions:

431 (a) In any contest in which there is a tie for first place
432 in the first primary election, only the names of the candidates
433 so tying shall be placed on the ballot in the second primary
434 election.

435 (b) In any contest in which there is a tie for second
436 place in the first primary election and the candidate placing
437 first did not receive a majority of the votes cast, the name of
438 the candidate placing first and the names of the candidates
439 tying for second shall be placed on the ballot in the second
440 primary election.

441 (3) The candidate who receives the highest number of votes
442 cast for the office in the second primary election shall be
443 declared nominated. If two or more persons receive an equal and
444 highest number of votes for the same office in the second
445 primary election, such persons shall draw lots to determine who
446 will receive the nomination.

447 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during a
448 year in which the Legislature apportions the state, candidates
449 for the office of state senator or state representative may not
450 be placed on the ballot in the first primary election and shall

451 be placed on the ballot in the second primary election. The
 452 candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast in each
 453 contest in the second primary election shall be declared
 454 nominated for such office. If two or more candidates receive an
 455 equal and highest number of votes for the same office, such
 456 candidates shall draw lots to determine which candidate is
 457 nominated.

458 Section 16. Effective January 1, 2025, section 100.081,
 459 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

460 100.081 Conducting primary elections; nomination of county
 461 commissioners ~~at primary election.~~—The primary elections
 462 ~~election~~ shall provide for the nomination of county
 463 commissioners by the qualified electors of such county at the
 464 time and place set for voting on other county officers.

465 Section 17. Effective January 1, 2025, paragraph (c) of
 466 subsection (1), subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection
 467 (3) of section 100.111, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

468 100.111 Filling vacancy.—

469 (1)

470 (c) If such a vacancy occurs before the date of ~~prior to~~
 471 the first primary election but on or after the first day set by
 472 law for qualifying, the Secretary of State shall set dates for
 473 qualifying for the unexpired portion of the term of such office.
 474 Any person seeking nomination or election to the unexpired
 475 portion of the term shall qualify within the time set by the

476 Secretary of State. If time does not permit party nominations to
 477 be made in conjunction with the first and second primary
 478 elections ~~election~~, the Governor may call a special primary
 479 election and, if necessary, a second special primary election to
 480 select party nominees for the unexpired portion of such term.

481 (2) Whenever there is a vacancy for which a special
 482 election is required pursuant to s. 100.101, the Governor, after
 483 consultation with the Secretary of State, shall fix the dates of
 484 a special first primary election, a special second primary
 485 election, and a special election. Nominees of political parties
 486 shall be chosen under the primary laws of this state in the
 487 special primary elections ~~election~~ to become candidates in the
 488 special election. Before ~~Prior to~~ setting the special election
 489 dates, the Governor shall consider any upcoming elections in the
 490 jurisdiction where the special election will be held. The dates
 491 fixed by the Governor shall be specific days certain and shall
 492 not be established by the happening of a condition or stated in
 493 the alternative. The dates fixed shall provide a minimum of 2
 494 weeks between each election. In the event a vacancy occurs in
 495 the office of state senator or member of the House of
 496 Representatives when the Legislature is in regular legislative
 497 session, the minimum times prescribed by this subsection may be
 498 waived upon concurrence of the Governor, the Speaker of the
 499 House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. If a
 500 vacancy occurs in the office of state senator and no session of

501 the Legislature is scheduled to be held before the date of ~~prior~~
502 ~~to~~ the next general election, the Governor may fix the dates for
503 any ~~the~~ special primary election and for the special election to
504 coincide with the dates of the first and second primary
505 elections ~~election~~ and the general election. If a vacancy in
506 office occurs in any district in the state Senate or House of
507 Representatives or in any congressional district, and no session
508 of the Legislature, or session of Congress if the vacancy is in
509 a congressional district, is scheduled to be held during the
510 unexpired portion of the term, the Governor is not required to
511 call a special election to fill such vacancy.

512 (a) The dates for candidates to qualify in such special
513 election or special primary election shall be fixed by the
514 Department of State, and candidates shall qualify not later than
515 noon of the last day so fixed. The dates fixed for qualifying
516 shall allow a minimum of 14 days between the last day of
517 qualifying and the special first primary election.

518 (b) The filing of campaign expense statements by
519 candidates in such special elections or special primaries and by
520 committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the
521 results of such special primaries or special elections shall be
522 not later than such dates as shall be fixed by the Department of
523 State, and in fixing such dates the Department of State shall
524 take into consideration and be governed by the practical time
525 limitations.

526 (c) The dates for a candidate to qualify by the petition
 527 process pursuant to s. 99.095 in such special primary or special
 528 election shall be fixed by the Department of State. In fixing
 529 such dates the Department of State shall take into consideration
 530 and be governed by the practical time limitations. Any candidate
 531 seeking to qualify by the petition process in a special primary
 532 election shall obtain 25 percent of the signatures required by
 533 s. 99.095.

534 (d) The qualifying fees and party assessments of such
 535 candidates as may qualify shall be the same as collected for the
 536 same office at the last previous primary for that office. The
 537 party assessment shall be paid to the appropriate executive
 538 committee of the political party to which the candidate belongs.

539 (e) Each county canvassing board shall make as speedy a
 540 return of the result of such ~~special primary elections and~~
 541 special elections and primaries as time will permit, and the
 542 Elections Canvassing Commission likewise shall make as speedy a
 543 canvass and declaration of the nominees as time will permit.

544 (3)(a) In the event that death, resignation, withdrawal,
 545 or removal should cause a party to have a vacancy in nomination
 546 which leaves no candidate for an office from such party, the
 547 filing officer before whom the candidate qualified shall notify
 548 the chair of the state and county political party executive
 549 committee of such party and:

550 1. If the vacancy in nomination is for a statewide office,

551 the state party chair shall, within 5 days, call a meeting of
 552 his or her executive board to consider designation of a nominee
 553 to fill the vacancy.

554 2. If the vacancy in nomination is for the office of
 555 United States Representative, state senator, state
 556 representative, state attorney, or public defender, the state
 557 party chair shall, within 5 days, call a meeting of the state
 558 executive committee members residing in the affected county or
 559 counties to consider designation of a nominee to fill the
 560 vacancy.

561 3. If the vacancy in nomination is for a county office,
 562 the state party chair shall notify the appropriate county chair
 563 and, within 5 days, the appropriate county chair shall call a
 564 meeting of his or her executive committee to consider
 565 designation of a nominee to fill the vacancy.

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 567 The name of any person so designated shall be submitted to the
 568 filing officer before whom the candidate qualified within 7 days
 569 after notice to the chair in order that the person designated
 570 may have his or her name on the ballot of the ensuing general
 571 election. If the name of the new nominee is submitted after the
 572 certification of results of the preceding primary elections
 573 ~~election~~, however, the ballots may ~~shall~~ not be changed and the
 574 former party nominee's name will appear on the ballot. Any
 575 ballots cast for the former party nominee will be counted for

576 | the person designated by the political party to replace the
 577 | former party nominee. If there is no opposition to the party
 578 | nominee, the person designated by the political party to replace
 579 | the former party nominee will be elected to office at the
 580 | general election.

581 | Section 18. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (2) of
 582 | section 100.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

583 | 100.141 Notice of special election to fill any vacancy in
 584 | office.—

585 | (2) The Department of State shall prepare a notice stating
 586 | what offices are to be filled in the special election, the dates
 587 | set for each ~~the~~ special primary election and the special
 588 | election, the dates fixed for qualifying for office, the dates
 589 | fixed for qualifying by the petition process pursuant to s.
 590 | 99.095, and the dates fixed for filing campaign expense
 591 | statements.

592 | Section 19. Effective January 1, 2025, section 101.252,
 593 | Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

594 | 101.252 Candidates entitled to have names printed on
 595 | certain ballots; exception.—

596 | (1) Any candidate for nomination who has qualified as
 597 | prescribed by law is entitled to have his or her name printed on
 598 | the official first primary election ballot. However, when there
 599 | is only one candidate of any political party qualified for an
 600 | office, the name of the candidate may ~~shall~~ not be printed on

601 the first primary election ballot, and such candidate shall be
 602 declared nominated for the office.

603 (2) Any candidate for party executive committee member who
 604 has qualified as prescribed by law is entitled to have his or
 605 her name printed on the first primary election ballot. However,
 606 when there is only one candidate of any political party
 607 qualified for such an office, the name of the candidate shall
 608 not be printed on the first primary election ballot, and such
 609 candidate shall be declared elected to the state or county
 610 executive committee.

611 Section 20. Section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is
 612 amended to read:

613 101.56075 Voting methods.—For the purpose of designating
 614 ballot selections, all voting must be by marksense ballot, using
 615 a marking device, or a voter interface device that produces a
 616 voter-verifiable paper output and meets the voter accessibility
 617 requirements for individuals with disabilities under s. 301 of
 618 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and s. 101.56062. A
 619 voter may choose, and the supervisor must provide, the option to
 620 vote by marksense ballot during the early voting period and on
 621 election day.

622 Section 21. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (2) and
 623 paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 101.62, Florida
 624 Statutes, are amended to read:

625 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.—

626 (2) ACCESS TO VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUEST INFORMATION.—For each
627 request for a vote-by-mail ballot received, the supervisor shall
628 record the following information: the date the request was made;
629 the identity of the voter's designee making the request, if any;
630 the Florida driver license number, Florida identification card
631 number, or last four digits of the social security number of the
632 voter provided with a written request; the date the vote-by-mail
633 ballot was delivered to the voter or the voter's designee or the
634 date the vote-by-mail ballot was delivered to the post office or
635 other carrier; the address to which the ballot was mailed or the
636 identity of the voter's designee to whom the ballot was
637 delivered; the date the ballot was received by the supervisor;
638 the absence of the voter's signature on the voter's certificate,
639 if applicable; whether the voter's certificate contains a
640 signature that does not match the voter's signature in the
641 registration books or precinct register; and such other
642 information he or she may deem necessary. This information must
643 be provided in electronic format as provided by division rule.
644 The information must be updated and made available no later than
645 8 a.m. of each day, including weekends, beginning 60 days before
646 the first primary until 15 days after the general election and
647 shall be contemporaneously provided to the division. This
648 information is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
649 shall be made available to or reproduced only for the voter
650 requesting the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official,

651 a political party or official thereof, a candidate who has filed
 652 qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and
 653 registered political committees for political purposes only.

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

655 (a) No later than 45 days before each presidential
 656 preference primary election, first primary election, second
 657 primary election, and general election, the supervisor of
 658 elections shall send a vote-by-mail ballot as provided in
 659 subparagraph (d)2. to each absent uniformed services voter and
 660 to each overseas voter who has requested a vote-by-mail ballot.

661 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 662 101.69, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

663 101.69 Voting in person; return of vote-by-mail ballot.—

664 (2)(a) The supervisor shall allow an elector who has
 665 received a vote-by-mail ballot to physically return a voted
 666 vote-by-mail ballot to the supervisor by placing the return mail
 667 envelope containing his or her marked ballot in a secure ballot
 668 intake station. Secure ballot intake stations may ~~shall~~ be
 669 placed only at the main office of the supervisor, at each
 670 ~~permanent~~ branch office of the supervisor designated and used as
 671 such for at least 1 year before the election, ~~which meets the~~
 672 ~~criteria set forth in s. 101.657(1)(a) for branch offices used~~
 673 ~~for early voting and which is open for at least the minimum~~
 674 ~~number of hours prescribed by s. 98.015(4)~~, and at each early
 675 voting site. ~~Secure ballot intake stations may also be placed at~~

676 ~~any other site that would otherwise qualify as an early voting~~
 677 ~~site under s. 101.657(1).~~ Secure ballot intake stations must be
 678 geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county
 679 with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is
 680 practicable. Except for secure ballot intake stations at the
 681 main ~~an~~ office of the supervisor, a secure ballot intake station
 682 may only be used during the county's early voting hours of
 683 operation ~~and must be monitored in person by an employee of the~~
 684 ~~supervisor's office.~~ A secure ballot intake station ~~at an office~~
 685 ~~of the supervisor~~ must be continuously monitored in person by an
 686 employee of the supervisor's office when the secure ballot
 687 intake station is accessible for deposit of ballots.

688 Section 23. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (4) of
 689 section 102.014, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

690 102.014 Poll worker recruitment and training.—

691 (4) Each supervisor of elections shall be responsible for
 692 training inspectors and clerks, subject to the following minimum
 693 requirements:

694 (a) A ~~No~~ clerk may not ~~shall be entitled to~~ work at the
 695 polls unless he or she has had a minimum of 3 hours of training
 696 before ~~prior to~~ each election.

697 (b) An ~~No~~ inspector may not ~~shall~~ work at the polls unless
 698 he or she has had a minimum of 2 hours of training before ~~prior~~
 699 ~~to~~ each election.

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701 For purposes of this subsection, the first and second primary
 702 elections shall be considered one election.

703 Section 24. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (3) and
 704 paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 103.021, Florida
 705 Statutes, are amended to read:

706 103.021 Nomination for presidential electors.—Candidates
 707 for presidential electors shall be nominated in the following
 708 manner:

709 (3) Candidates for President and Vice President with no
 710 party affiliation may have their names printed on the general
 711 election ballots if a petition is signed by 1 percent of the
 712 registered voters of this state, as shown by the compilation by
 713 the Department of State for the last preceding general election.
 714 A separate petition from each county for which signatures are
 715 solicited shall be submitted to the supervisor of elections of
 716 the respective county no later than noon on May 13 ~~July 15~~ of
 717 each presidential election year. The supervisor shall check the
 718 names and, on or before the date of the first primary election,
 719 shall certify the number shown as registered voters of the
 720 county. The supervisor shall be paid by the person requesting
 721 the certification the cost of checking the petitions as
 722 prescribed in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward the
 723 certificate to the Department of State which shall determine
 724 whether or not the percentage factor required in this section
 725 has been met. When the percentage factor required in this

726 | section has been met, the Department of State shall order the
 727 | names of the candidates for whom the petition was circulated to
 728 | be included on the ballot and shall allow the required number of
 729 | persons to be certified as presidential electors in the same
 730 | manner as party candidates.

731 | (4)

732 | (b) A minor political party that is not affiliated with a
 733 | national party holding a national convention to nominate
 734 | candidates for President and Vice President of the United States
 735 | may have the names of its candidates for President and Vice
 736 | President printed on the general election ballot if a petition
 737 | is signed by 1 percent of the registered voters of this state,
 738 | as shown by the compilation by the Department of State for the
 739 | preceding general election. A separate petition from each county
 740 | for which signatures are solicited must be submitted to the
 741 | supervisors of elections of the respective county no later than
 742 | noon on May 13 ~~July 15~~ of each presidential election year. The
 743 | supervisor shall check the names and, on or before the date of
 744 | the first primary election, shall certify the number shown as
 745 | registered voters of the county. The supervisor shall be paid by
 746 | the person requesting the certification the cost of checking the
 747 | petitions as prescribed in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then
 748 | forward the certificate to the Department of State, which shall
 749 | determine whether or not the percentage factor required in this
 750 | section has been met. When the percentage factor required in

751 | this section has been met, the Department of State shall order
752 | the names of the candidates for whom the petition was circulated
753 | to be included on the ballot and shall allow the required number
754 | of persons to be certified as presidential electors in the same
755 | manner as other party candidates.

756 | Section 25. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) of
757 | section 103.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

758 | 103.022 Write-in candidates for President and Vice
759 | President.—

760 | (1) Persons seeking to qualify for election as write-in
761 | candidates for President and Vice President of the United States
762 | may have a blank space provided on the general election ballot
763 | for their names to be written in by filing an oath with the
764 | Department of State at any time after the 71st ~~57th~~ day, but
765 | before noon of the 67th ~~49th~~ day, before the date of the first
766 | primary election in the year in which a presidential election is
767 | held.

768 | Section 26. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (4) of
769 | section 103.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

770 | 103.091 Political parties.—

771 | (4) Any political party other than a minor political party
772 | may by rule provide for the membership of its state or county
773 | executive committee to be elected for 4-year terms at the first
774 | primary election in each year a presidential election is held.
775 | The terms commence on the first day of the month following each

776 | presidential general election; but the names of candidates for
 777 | political party offices may not be placed on the ballot at any
 778 | other election. The results of such election are determined by a
 779 | plurality of the votes cast. In such event, electors seeking to
 780 | qualify for such office shall do so with the Department of State
 781 | or supervisor of elections not earlier than noon of the 71st
 782 | day, or later than noon of the 67th day, before the date of
 783 | ~~preceding~~ the first primary election. A qualifying office may
 784 | accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14
 785 | days before the beginning of the qualifying period, to be
 786 | processed and filed during the qualifying period. The outgoing
 787 | chair of each county executive committee shall, within 30 days
 788 | after the committee members take office, hold an organizational
 789 | meeting of all newly elected members for the purpose of electing
 790 | officers. The chair of each state executive committee shall,
 791 | within 60 days after the committee members take office, hold an
 792 | organizational meeting of all newly elected members for the
 793 | purpose of electing officers.

794 | Section 27. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) of
 795 | section 105.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

796 | 105.031 Qualification; filing fee; candidate's oath; items
 797 | required to be filed.—

798 | (1) TIME OF QUALIFYING.—Except for candidates for judicial
 799 | office, nonpartisan candidates for multicounty office shall
 800 | qualify with the Division of Elections of the Department of

801 State and nonpartisan candidates for countywide or less than
 802 countywide office shall qualify with the supervisor of
 803 elections. Candidates for judicial office other than the office
 804 of county court judge shall qualify with the Division of
 805 Elections of the Department of State, and candidates for the
 806 office of county court judge shall qualify with the supervisor
 807 of elections of the county. Candidates for judicial office and
 808 the office of school board member shall qualify no earlier than
 809 noon of the 71st ~~120th~~ day, and no later than noon of the 67th
 810 ~~116th~~ day, before the date of the first primary election.
 811 ~~Candidates for the office of school board member shall qualify~~
 812 ~~no earlier than noon of the 71st day, and no later than noon of~~
 813 ~~the 67th day, before the primary election.~~ Filing shall be on
 814 forms provided for that purpose by the Division of Elections and
 815 furnished by the appropriate qualifying officer. Any person
 816 other than a write-in candidate who qualifies within the time
 817 prescribed in this subsection shall be entitled to have his or
 818 her name printed on the ballot.

819 Section 28. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) of
 820 section 105.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

821 105.041 Form of ballot.—

822 (1) BALLOTS.—The names of candidates for nonpartisan
 823 office which appear on the ballot at the first primary election
 824 shall be grouped together on a separate portion of the ballot or
 825 on a separate ballot. The names of candidates for election to

826 nonpartisan office which appear on the ballot at the general
827 election and the names of justices and judges seeking retention
828 to office shall be grouped together on a separate portion of the
829 general election ballot.

830 Section 29. Effective January 1, 2025, paragraph (b) of
831 subsection (1) of section 105.051, Florida Statutes, is amended
832 to read:

833 105.051 Determination of election or retention to office.—

834 (1) ELECTION.—In circuits and counties holding elections:

835 (b) If two or more candidates, neither of whom is a write-
836 in candidate, qualify for such an office, the names of those
837 candidates shall be placed on the ballot at the first primary
838 election. If any candidate for such office receives a majority
839 of the votes cast for such office in the first primary election,
840 the name of the candidate who receives such majority shall not
841 appear on any other ballot unless a write-in candidate has
842 qualified for such office. An unopposed candidate shall be
843 deemed to have voted for himself or herself at the general
844 election. If no candidate for such office receives a majority of
845 the votes cast for such office in the first primary election,
846 the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of
847 votes for such office shall be placed on the general election
848 ballot. If more than two candidates receive an equal and highest
849 number of votes, the name of each candidate receiving an equal
850 and highest number of votes shall be placed on the general

851 election ballot. In any contest in which there is a tie for
 852 second place and the candidate placing first did not receive a
 853 majority of the votes cast for such office, the name of the
 854 candidate placing first and the name of each candidate tying for
 855 second shall be placed on the general election ballot.

856 Section 30. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1),
 857 paragraph (b) of subsection (4), and paragraph (b) of subsection
 858 (8) of section 106.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

859 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

860 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate or
 861 political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file regular
 862 reports of all contributions received, and all expenditures
 863 made, by or on behalf of such candidate or political committee.
 864 Except for the second and third calendar quarter immediately
 865 preceding a general election, reports must be filed on the 10th
 866 day following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the
 867 campaign treasurer is appointed, except that, if the 10th day
 868 following the end of a calendar quarter occurs on a Saturday,
 869 Sunday, or legal holiday, the report must be filed on the next
 870 following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.
 871 Quarterly reports must include all contributions received and
 872 expenditures made during the calendar quarter which have not
 873 otherwise been reported pursuant to this section.

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

876 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the date of the
877 first primary election, and each week thereafter, with the last
878 weekly report being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding
879 the general election.

880 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the date of the
881 general election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily
882 report being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general
883 election.

884 (b) Any other candidate or a political committee required
885 to file reports with a filing officer other than the division
886 must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the date
887 of the first primary election, and biweekly on each Friday
888 thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately
889 preceding the general election, with additional reports due on
890 the 25th and 11th days before the date of the first primary
891 election and the general election.

892 (c) Following the last day of qualifying for office, any
893 unopposed candidate need only file a report within 90 days after
894 the date such candidate became unopposed. Such report shall
895 contain all previously unreported contributions and expenditures
896 as required by this section and shall reflect disposition of
897 funds as required by s. 106.141.

898 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy
899 in office, all political committees making contributions or
900 expenditures to influence the results of such special election

901 or the preceding special first and second primary elections
 902 ~~election~~ shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing
 903 officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to
 904 s. 100.111.

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

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

913 (f) A county, a municipality, or any other local
 914 governmental entity is expressly preempted from enacting or
 915 adopting a reporting schedule that differs from the requirements
 916 established in this subsection.

917 (4)

918 (b) Multiple uniform contributions from the same person,
 919 aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an
 920 organization that is the affiliated sponsor of a political
 921 committee, may be reported by the political committee in an
 922 aggregate amount listing the number of contributors together
 923 with the amount contributed by each and the total amount
 924 contributed during the reporting period. The identity of each
 925 person making such uniform contribution must be reported to the

926 filing officer as provided in subparagraph (a)1. by July 1 of
927 each calendar year, or, in a general election year, no later
928 than the 60th day immediately preceding the date of the first
929 primary election.

930 (8)

931 (b) Upon determining that a report is late, the filing
932 officer shall immediately notify the candidate or chair of the
933 political committee as to the failure to file a report by the
934 designated due date and that a fine is being assessed for each
935 late day. The fine is \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and,
936 thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25
937 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is
938 greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for
939 the reports immediately preceding each special first primary
940 election, special election, first primary election, and general
941 election, the fine is \$500 per day for each late day, not to
942 exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures,
943 whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.
944 For reports required under s. 106.141(8), the fine is \$50 per
945 day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total
946 receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period
947 covered by the late report. Upon receipt of the report, the
948 filing officer shall determine the amount of the fine which is
949 due and shall notify the candidate or chair or registered agent
950 of the political committee. The filing officer shall determine

951 the amount of the fine due based upon the earliest of the
 952 following:

- 953 1. When the report is actually received by such officer.
- 954 2. When the report is postmarked.
- 955 3. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
- 956 4. When the receipt from an established courier company is
 957 dated.
- 958 5. When the electronic receipt issued pursuant to s.
 959 106.0705 or other electronic filing system authorized in this
 960 section is dated.

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 962 Such fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days
 963 after receipt of the notice of payment due, unless appeal is
 964 made to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to paragraph
 965 (c). Notice is deemed complete upon proof of delivery of written
 966 notice to the mailing or street address on record with the
 967 filing officer. In the case of a candidate, such fine is not an
 968 allowable campaign expenditure and shall be paid only from
 969 personal funds of the candidate. An officer or member of a
 970 political committee is not personally liable for such fine.

971 Section 31. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) and
 972 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 106.0702, Florida
 973 Statutes, are amended to read:

974 106.0702 Reporting; political party executive committee
 975 candidates.-

976 (1) An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a
 977 political party executive committee who receives a contribution
 978 or makes an expenditure shall file a report of all contributions
 979 received and all expenditures made. The report shall be filed on
 980 the 4th day immediately preceding the first primary election.

981 (2)

982 (b) A reporting individual may submit the report required
 983 under this section through an electronic filing system, if used
 984 by the supervisor for other candidates, in order to satisfy the
 985 filing requirement. Such reports shall be completed and filed
 986 through the electronic filing system not later than midnight on
 987 the 4th day immediately preceding the first primary election.

988 Section 32. Effective January 1, 2025, paragraphs (b) and
 989 (c) of subsection (1) of section 106.0703, Florida Statutes, are
 990 amended to read:

991 106.0703 Electioneering communications organizations;
 992 reporting requirements; certification and filing; penalties.—

993 (1)

994 (b) For an electioneering communications organization
 995 required to file reports with the division, reports must be
 996 filed:

997 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the first primary
 998 election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report
 999 being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general
 1000 election.

1001 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general
 1002 election, and every day thereafter excluding the 4th day
 1003 immediately preceding the general election, with the last daily
 1004 report being filed the day before the general election.

1005 (c) For an electioneering communications organization
 1006 required to file reports with a filing officer other than the
 1007 division, reports must be filed on the 60th day immediately
 1008 preceding the first primary election, and biweekly on each
 1009 Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately
 1010 preceding the general election, with additional reports due on
 1011 the 25th and 11th days before the first primary election and the
 1012 general election.

1013 Section 33. Effective January 1, 2025, paragraph (c) of
 1014 subsection (1) of section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1015 to read:

1016 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

1017 (1)

1018 (c) The contribution limits of this subsection apply to
 1019 each election. For purposes of this subsection, the first
 1020 primary election, second primary election, and general election
 1021 are separate elections so long as the candidate is not an
 1022 unopposed candidate as defined in s. 106.011. However, for the
 1023 purpose of contribution limits with respect to candidates for
 1024 retention as a justice or judge, there is only one election,
 1025 which is the general election. With respect to candidates in a

1026 circuit holding an election for circuit judge or in a county
 1027 holding an election for county court judge, there are only two
 1028 elections, which are the first primary election and the general
 1029 election.

1030 Section 34. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (1) of
 1031 section 106.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1032 106.29 Reports by political parties and affiliated party
 1033 committees; restrictions on contributions and expenditures;
 1034 penalties.—

1035 (1) The state executive committee and each county
 1036 executive committee of each political party and any affiliated
 1037 party committee regulated by chapter 103 shall file regular
 1038 reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made
 1039 by such committee. However, the reports shall not include
 1040 contributions and expenditures that are reported to the Federal
 1041 Election Commission. In addition, when a special election is
 1042 called to fill a vacancy in office, each state executive
 1043 committee, each affiliated party committee, and each county
 1044 executive committee making contributions or expenditures to
 1045 influence the results of the special election or the preceding
 1046 special first or special second primary election must file
 1047 campaign treasurers' reports on the dates set by the Department
 1048 of State pursuant to s. 100.111. Such reports shall contain the
 1049 same information as do reports required of candidates by s.
 1050 106.07 and shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of

1051 each calendar quarter, except that, during the period from the
 1052 last day for candidate qualifying until the general election,
 1053 such reports shall be filed on the Friday immediately preceding
 1054 each special first primary election, special second primary
 1055 election, special election, first primary election, second
 1056 primary election, and general election. In addition to the
 1057 reports filed under this section, the state executive committee,
 1058 each county executive committee, and each affiliated party
 1059 committee shall file a copy of each prior written acceptance of
 1060 an in-kind contribution given by the committee during the
 1061 preceding calendar quarter as required under s. 106.08(6). Each
 1062 state executive committee and affiliated party committee shall
 1063 file its reports with the Division of Elections. Each county
 1064 executive committee shall file its reports with the supervisor
 1065 of elections in the county in which such committee exists. Any
 1066 state or county executive committee or affiliated party
 1067 committee failing to file a report on the designated due date
 1068 shall be subject to a fine as provided in subsection (3). No
 1069 separate fine shall be assessed for failure to file a copy of
 1070 any report required by this section.

1071 Section 35. Effective January 1, 2025, subsection (4) of
 1072 section 106.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1073 106.35 Distribution of funds.—

1074 (4) Distribution of funds shall be made beginning on the
 1075 32nd day before ~~prior to~~ the first primary election and every 7

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1076 | days thereafter.

1077 | Section 36. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this

1078 | act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.