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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to online voter registration; creating 3 s. 97.0525, F.S.; requiring the Division of Elections 4 of the Department of State to develop an online voter 5 registration system; providing application and 6 security requirements; requiring the system to compare 7 information submitted online with Department of 8 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records; providing 9 for the disposition of voter registration applications; requiring system compliance with federal 10 11 accessibility provisions; providing for construction; 12 requiring the division to report to the Legislature 13 regarding online voter registration implementation by 14 a specified date; providing an effective date. 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 97.0525, Florida Statutes, is created 18 Section 1. 19 to read: 20 97.0525 Online voter registration.-21 (1) Beginning October 1, 2017, an applicant may submit an 22 online voter registration application using the procedures set 23 forth in this section. 24 The division shall establish a secure Internet website (2) 25 to permit an applicant to: 26 Submit a voter registration application, including (a)

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27 first-time voter registration applications and updates to 28 existing voter registration records. 29 Submit information necessary to establish an (b) 30 applicant's eligibility to vote, pursuant to s. 97.041, which 31 must include the information required for the uniform statewide 32 voter registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2). 33 (C) Swear to the oath required pursuant to s. 97.051. (3) The division shall establish appropriate technological 34 35 security measures, including use of a unique identifier for each 36 applicant, to prevent unauthorized persons from altering a 37 voter's registration information. 38 (4) (a) The online voter registration system shall compare 39 the Florida driver license number or Florida identification 40 number submitted pursuant to s. 97.052(2)(n) with information maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 41 42 Vehicles to confirm that the name and date of birth on the 43 application are consistent with the records of the Department of 44 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. 45 If the applicant's name and date of birth are (b) 46 consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety 47 and Motor Vehicles, the online voter registration system shall 48 transmit, using the statewide voter registration system 49 maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's registration 50 application, along with the digital signature of the applicant 51 on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 52 Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's

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53	digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
54	<u>97.052(2)(q).</u>
55	(c) If the applicant's name and date of birth cannot be
56	verified by the records of the Department of Highway Safety and
57	Motor Vehicles, or if the applicant indicated that he or she has
58	not been issued a Florida driver license or Florida
59	identification card, the online voter registration system shall
60	populate the applicant's information into a printable voter
61	registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2) and direct the
62	applicant to print, sign, and date the application and deliver
63	the application to the supervisor of elections for disposition
64	pursuant to s. 97.073.
65	(5) Upon submission of a completed online voter
66	registration application, the website must generate an immediate
67	electronic confirmation that the supervisor of elections has
68	received the application and provide instructions regarding the
69	ability of a registrant to check the status of the application
70	thereafter.
71	(6) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
72	supervisor of elections shall process the application pursuant
73	to s. 97.053.
74	(7) The online voter registration system must conform to
75	nationally accepted standards for accessibility for individuals
76	with disabilities, including s. 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of
77	1973, s. 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Web
78	Content Accessibility Guidelines of the World Wide Web

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79	Consortium, to ensure equal access for voters with disabilities.
80	(8) A legal distinction may not be made between online
81	voter registration under this section and voter registration in
82	person, by mail, or by other methods provided by general law.
83	Section 2. No later than January 1, 2016, the Division of
84	Elections shall submit a report to the President of the Senate
85	and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the
86	implementation of online voter registration. In the report, the
87	division shall summarize progress to date in implementing online
88	voter registration and expected implementation timeframes, and
89	shall propose any further legislation needed to facilitate
90	online voter registration.
91	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.
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