	COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION
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	OTHER
1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2	Representative Roth offered the following:
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4	Amendment (with title amendment)
5	Remove lines 331-1686 and insert:
6	Section 2. Subsection (48) is added to section 97.021,
7	Florida Statutes, to read:
8	97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
9	where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:
10	(48) "Wet signature" means a physical, personal, and
11	manually written signature made with ink on paper and does not
12	include an electronic signature or a stamp.
13	Section 3. Paragraph (q) of subsection (2) and paragraph
14	(g) of subsection (3) of section 97.052, Florida Statutes, are
15	amended to read:
16	97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application
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- (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit the following information from the applicant:
- (q) <u>Wet</u> signature of applicant under penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011, by which the person subscribes to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the State Constitution and s. 97.051, and swears or affirms that the information contained in the registration application is true.
- (3) The uniform statewide voter registration application must also contain:
- (g) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is being collected by a third-party voter registration organization, the organization might not deliver the application to the division or the supervisor in the county in which the applicant resides in less than 10 14 days or before registration closes for the next ensuing election, and that the applicant may instead elect to deliver the application in person or by mail or choose to register online. The statement must further inform the applicant how to determine whether the application has been delivered.
- Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 97.0525, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 97.0525 Online voter registration.—

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(b) If the applicant's name and date of birth are
consistent with the records of the Department of Highway Safety
and Motor Vehicles, the online voter registration system shall
transmit, using the statewide voter registration system
maintained pursuant to s. 98.035, the applicant's registration
application, along with the digital signature of the applicant
on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
Vehicles, to the supervisor of elections. The applicant's
digital signature satisfies the signature requirement of s.
97.052(2)(q). However, the applicant must provide a wet
signature to the supervisor before such applicant may vote in an
election.

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.

- (5)(a) A voter registration application is complete if it contains the following information necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:
 - 1. The applicant's name.
- 2. The applicant's address of legal residence, including a distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room number or other identifier, if appropriate. Failure to include a distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room or other identifier on a voter registration application does not impact a voter's eligibility to register to vote or cast a

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ballot, and such an omission may not serve as the basis for a challenge to a voter's eligibility or reason to not count a ballot.

- 3. The applicant's date of birth.
- 4. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant is a citizen of the United States.
- 5.a. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver license number or the identification number from a Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051, or
- b. If the applicant has not been issued a current and valid Florida driver license or a Florida identification card, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

In case an applicant has not been issued a current and valid Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social security number, the applicant shall affirm this fact in the manner prescribed in the uniform statewide voter registration application.

- 6. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, has had his or her voting rights restored.
- 7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to vote restored.

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8. The <u>wet</u> original signature or a digital signature
transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the
penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the
information contained in the registration application is true
and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the
State Constitution and s. 97.051.

Section 6. Subsection (13) of section 97.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.—
- (13) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must assist the Department of State in regularly identifying changes in residence address on the driver license or identification card of a voter. The Department of State must report each such change to the appropriate supervisor of elections who must change the voter's registration records in accordance with s. 98.065(4) s. 98.065(5).
- Section 7. Section 97.0575, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 97.0575 Third-party voter <u>registration organizations</u> registrations.
- (1) Before engaging in any voter registration activities, a third-party voter registration organization must register and provide to the division, in an electronic format, the following

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information:

- (a) The names of the officers of the organization and the name and permanent address of the organization.
- (b) The name and address of the organization's registered agent in the state.
- (c) The names, permanent addresses, and temporary addresses, if any, of each registration agent registering persons to vote in this state on behalf of the organization. This paragraph does not apply to persons who only solicit applications and do not collect or handle voter registration applications.
- (d) Beginning January 1, 2025, the specific general election cycle for which the third-party voter registration organization is registering persons to vote.
- (e) An affirmation that each person collecting or handling voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter registration organization has not been convicted of a felony violation of the Election Code, of a felony violation of an offense specified in s. 817.5685, or of an offense specified in s. 817.568. A third-party voter registration organization is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each person convicted of a felony violation of the Election Code, of a felony violation of an offense specified in s. 817.5685, or of an offense specified in s. 817.5685, or of an offense specified in s. 817.5685, or of an offense specified in s. 817.568 who is collecting or handling voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party

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voter registration organization.

- voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter registration organization is a citizen of the United

 States of America. A third-party voter registration organization is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each person who is not a citizen and is collecting or handling voter registration applications on behalf of the third-party voter registration organization.
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2025, the registration of a third-party voter registration organization automatically expires at the conclusion of the specific general election cycle for which the third-party voter registration organization is registered.
- (3)(2) The division or the supervisor of elections shall make voter registration forms available to third-party voter registration organizations. All such forms must contain information identifying the organization to which the forms are provided. The division shall maintain a database of all third-party voter registration organizations and the voter registration forms assigned to the third-party voter registration organization. Each supervisor of elections shall provide to the division information on voter registration forms assigned to and received from third-party voter registration organizations. The information must be provided in a format and

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at times as required by the division by rule. The division <u>shall</u> must update information on third-party voter registrations daily and make the information publicly available.

- (4) A third-party voter registration organization that collects voter registration applications must provide a receipt to an applicant upon accepting possession of his or her application. The division shall adopt by rule a uniform format for the receipt by October 1, 2023. The format must include, but need not be limited to, the name of the applicant, the date the application is received, the name of the third-party voter registration organization, the name of the registration agent, the applicant's political party affiliation, and the county in which the applicant resides.
- (5)(a)(3)(a) A third-party voter registration organization that collects voter registration applications serves as a fiduciary to the applicant and must ensure, ensuring that any voter registration application entrusted to the organization, irrespective of party affiliation, race, ethnicity, or gender, is must be promptly delivered to the division or the supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant resides within 10 14 days after the application is was completed by the applicant, but not after registration closes for the next ensuing election. If a voter registration application collected by any third-party voter registration organization is not promptly delivered to the division or supervisor of elections in

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the county in which the applicant resides, the third-party voter registration organization is liable for the following fines:

- 1. A fine in the amount of \$50 per each day late, up to \$2,500, for each application received by the division or the supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant resides more than 10 14 days after the applicant delivered the completed voter registration application to the third-party voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf. A fine in the amount of \$2,500 \$250 for each application received if the third-party voter registration organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.
- 2. A fine in the amount of \$100 per each day late, up to \$5,000, for each application collected by a third-party voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, before book closing for any given election for federal or state office and received by the division or the supervisor of elections in the county in which the applicant resides after the book-closing deadline for such election. A fine in the amount of \$5,000 \$500 for each application received if the third-party voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf acted willfully.
- 3. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each application collected by a third-party voter registration organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its behalf, which is not

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

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

- (b) A showing by the third-party voter registration organization that the failure to deliver the voter registration application within the required timeframe is based upon force majeure or impossibility of performance shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this subsection. The secretary may waive the fines described in this subsection upon a showing that the failure to deliver the voter registration application promptly is based upon force majeure or impossibility of performance.
- (6)(4) If a person collecting voter registration applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration organization alters the voter registration application of any other person, without the other person's knowledge and consent, in violation of s. 104.012(4) and is subsequently convicted of such offense, the applicable third-party voter registration

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organization is liable for a fine in the amount of $\frac{$5,000}{}$ $\frac{$1,000}{}$ for each application altered.

- (7) If a person collecting voter registration applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration organization copies a voter's application or retains a voter's personal information such as the voter's Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, social security number, or signature for any reason other than to provide such application or information to the third-party voter registration organization in compliance with this section, the person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (8)(5) If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a person has committed a violation of this section, the secretary may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement. The Attorney General may institute a civil action for a violation of this section or to prevent a violation of this section. An action for relief may include a permanent or temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other appropriate order.
- (9)(6) The division shall adopt by rule a form to elicit specific information concerning the facts and circumstances from a person who claims to have been registered to vote by a third-party voter registration organization but who does not appear as an active voter on the voter registration rolls. The division

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shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the registration process, including controls to ensure that all completed forms are promptly delivered to the division or a supervisor in the county in which the applicant resides.

- (10) (7) The date on which an applicant signs a voter registration application is presumed to be the date on which the third-party voter registration organization received or collected the voter registration application.
- (11) A third-party voter registration organization may not mail or otherwise provide a voter registration application upon which any information about an applicant has been filled in before it is provided to the applicant. A third-party voter registration organization that violates this section is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50 for each such application.
- (12) (8) The requirements of this section are retroactive for any third-party voter registration organization registered with the department on July 1, 2023 the effective date of this act, and must be complied with within 90 days after the department provides notice to the third-party voter registration organization of the requirements contained in this section. Failure of the third-party voter registration organization to comply with the requirements within 90 days after receipt of the notice shall automatically result in the cancellation of the third-party voter registration organization's registration.

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290	Section 8. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 97.071,
291	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
292	97.071 Voter information card
293	(1) A voter information card must shall be furnished by
294	the supervisor to all registered voters residing in the
295	supervisor's county. The card must contain:
296	(a) Voter's registration number.
297	(b) Date of registration.
298	(c) Full name.
299	(d) Party affiliation.
300	(e) Date of birth.
301	(f) Address of legal residence.
302	(g) Precinct number.
303	(h) Polling place address and a link to the supervisor's
304	website to provide the most current polling place locations.
305	(i) Name of supervisor and contact information of
306	supervisor.
307	(j) The following statement: "This card is for information
308	purposes only. This card is proof of registration but is not
309	legal verification of eligibility to vote. It is the
310	responsibility of a voter to keep his or her eligibility status
311	<pre>current."</pre>
312	$\underline{\text{(k)}}$ Other information deemed necessary by the
313	supervisor.

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(3) In the case of a change of name, address of legal residence, polling place address, or party affiliation, the supervisor shall issue the voter a new voter information card. A temporary change made to a polling location pursuant to ss.

101.71 and 101.74 does not require the issuance of a new voter information card.

Section 9. The amendments made to s. 97.071, Florida

Statutes, by this act only apply to new and replacement voter information cards issued on or after July 1, 2023.

Section 10. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section 98.065, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3), (4), and (5), respectively, present subsections (3) and (4), paragraph (c) of present subsection (5), and subsection (7) are amended, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

98.065 Registration list maintenance programs. -

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

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

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- (c) If an address confirmation request required by paragraph (2)(a) is returned as undeliverable without indication of an address change, or there is no response from the voter within 30 days, or if any other nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable mail is returned as undeliverable with no indication of an address change, the supervisor <u>must shall</u> send an address confirmation final notice to all addresses on file for the voter.
- of voter registration records to identify registration records in which a voter is registered at an address that may not be an address of legal residence for the voter. For those registration records with such addresses that the supervisor has reasonable belief are not legal residential addresses, the supervisor shall initiate list maintenance activities pursuant to s. 98.075(6) and (7).
- (7)(a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, PCB SAC 23-01 a1

the supervisor must certify to the department the <u>address</u> list maintenance activities conducted during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year, respectively, including the number of address confirmation requests sent, the number of voters designated as inactive, and the number of voters removed from the statewide voter registration system.

(b) If, based on the certification provided pursuant to paragraph (a), the department determines that a supervisor has not conducted the list maintenance activities required by this section, the department <u>must coordinate with the supervisor to ensure that shall conduct</u> the appropriate list maintenance activities for that county <u>are conducted</u>. Failure to conduct list maintenance activities as required in this section constitutes a violation of s. 104.051.

Section 11. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 98.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

- (1) An address confirmation request that must contain:
- (c) If the address confirmation request is required by s. 98.065(2)(a), a statement that if the voter has not changed his or her legal residence or has changed his or her legal residence within the state, the voter should return the form within 30 days after the date on which the notice was sent to the voter;

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- Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and subsections (3) through (8) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations.—
 - (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION. -
- (c) Information received by the department from another state or the District of Columbia upon the department becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph (b)1., which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state or the District of Columbia, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The department shall provide such information to the supervisors to conduct registration list maintenance activities. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
 - (3) DECEASED PERSONS.-
- (a)1. The department shall identify those registered voters who are deceased by comparing information received from:
 - a. The Department of Health as provided in s. 98.093;
- b. The United States Social Security Administration, including, but not limited to, any master death file or index

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compiled by the United States Social Security Administration; or and

- c. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- 2. Within 7 days after receipt of such information through the statewide voter registration system, the supervisor shall remove the name of the registered voter.
- (b) The supervisor shall remove the name of a deceased registered voter from the statewide voter registration system within 7 days after receipt of:
- $\underline{\text{1.}}$ upon receipt of A copy of a death certificate issued by a governmental agency authorized to issue death certificates $\underline{\textbf{:}}$ or $\overline{\textbf{\cdot}}$
- 2. Information on the death of the registered voter received from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- (4) ADJUDICATION OF MENTAL INCAPACITY.—The department shall identify those registered voters who have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not had their voting rights restored by comparing information received from the clerk of the circuit court as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review such information and make an initial determination as to whether the information is credible and reliable. If the department determines that the information is credible and reliable, the department <u>must shall</u> notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the supporting documentation

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indicating the potential ineligibility of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that the department has made a determination of initial credibility and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7) <u>before prior to</u> the removal of a registered voter from the statewide voter registration system.

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

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- clerks of the court to obtain information pursuant to s. 98.093 to identify registered voters within their respective jurisdictions who have been convicted of a felony during the preceding week and whose voting rights have not been restored. The supervisor shall adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7) before the removal of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system. For purposes of this paragraph, a supervisor's duties under subsection (7) begin upon his or her determination that the information received from the clerk is credible and reliable.
- not limit or restrict the department or the supervisor in his or her duty to act upon direct receipt of, access to, or knowledge of information from any governmental entity that identifies a registered voter as potentially ineligible. If the department or supervisor receives information from any governmental entity sources other than those identified in subsections (2)-(5) that a registered voter is ineligible because the voter he or she is deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his or her voting rights restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed an address a residence that is not his or her

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<u>address of</u> legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7) <u>before</u> prior to the removal of <u>the name of a registered voter who is determined to be ineligible</u> a registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

- (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL. -
- (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in which the voter is registered must shall:
- 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or information. The notice must shall include:
- a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation must include any conviction from another jurisdiction determined to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual offense, as those terms are defined in s. 98.0751.
- b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after receipt of the notice may result in a determination of ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.
- c. A return form that requires the registered voter to admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by

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- d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of determining eligibility.
- e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.
- f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony conviction, if applicable.
- g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by mail, your ballot may not be accepted until a final determination of eligibility is made."
- 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the supervisor <u>must</u>, <u>within 14 days after receiving the returned notice</u>, <u>either publish shall publish</u> notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered <u>or publish notice on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the supervisor. The notice <u>must shall</u> contain the</u>

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539 following:

- a. The voter's name and address.
- b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to be registered to vote.
- c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after the notice is published may result in a determination of ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.
- d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.
- e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is registered.
- f. A statement that, if the voter denies the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of determining eligibility.
- g. The following statement: "If you attempt to vote at an early voting site or your normal election day polling place, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. If you vote by mail, your ballot may not be accepted until a final determination of eligibility is made."
- 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice

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must shall make a final determination of the voter's eligibility within 7 days after expiration of the voter's timeframe to respond. If the supervisor determines that the voter is ineligible, the supervisor must shall remove the name of the registered voter from the statewide voter registration system within 7 days. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action.

- 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the supervisor <u>must as soon as practicable</u> shall make a final determination of ineligibility and shall remove the voter's name from the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action.
- 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor must shall review the evidence and make a final determination of eligibility no later than 30 days after receiving the response from the voter. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the supervisor must remove the voter's name from the statewide voter registration system upon such

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determination and notify the registered voter of the
supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant
to s. 98.0755. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the
supervisor $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ send notice to the registered voter to
attend a hearing at a time and place specified in the notice.
The supervisor shall schedule and issue notice for the hearing
within 7 days after receiving the voter's request for a hearing
and shall hold the hearing no later than 30 days after issuing
the notice of the hearing. A voter may request an extension upon
showing good cause by affidavit as to why he or she is unable to
attend the scheduled hearing. Upon hearing all evidence
presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a
determination of eligibility $\underline{\text{within 7 days}}$. If the supervisor
determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the
supervisor $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ remove the voter's name from the statewide
voter registration system and notify the registered voter of the
supervisor's determination and action and that the removed voter
has a right to appeal a determination of ineligibility pursuant

- (b) The following shall apply to this subsection:
- 1. All determinations of eligibility $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ be based on a preponderance of the evidence.
- 2. All proceedings are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120.

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- 3. Any notice <u>must shall</u> be sent to the registered voter by certified mail, return receipt requested, or other means that provides a verification of receipt or <u>must shall</u> be published in a newspaper of general circulation where the voter was last registered, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on the supervisor's website, whichever is applicable.
- 4. The supervisor shall remove the name of any registered voter from the statewide voter registration system only after the supervisor makes a final determination that the voter is ineligible to vote.
- 5. Any voter whose name has been removed from the statewide voter registration system pursuant to a determination of ineligibility may appeal that determination under the provisions of s. 98.0755.
- 6. Any voter whose name was removed from the statewide voter registration system on the basis of a determination of ineligibility who subsequently becomes eligible to vote must reregister in order to have his or her name restored to the statewide voter registration system.
 - (8) CERTIFICATION.-
- (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the supervisor shall certify to the department that the supervisor has the activities conducted the activities required pursuant to this section during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year, respectively. The certification <u>must shall</u> include

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the number of persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to subsection (7), the number of persons who responded to the notices, the number of notices returned as undeliverable, the number of notices published in the newspaper, on the county's website, or on the supervisor's website, the number of hearings conducted, and the number of persons removed from the statewide voter registration system systems and the reasons for such removals.

- (b) If, based on the certification provided pursuant to paragraph (a), the department determines that a supervisor has not satisfied the requirements of this section, the department must coordinate with the supervisor to ensure that shall satisfy the appropriate list maintenance activities requirements for that county are conducted. Failure to satisfy the requirements of this section constitutes shall constitute a violation of s. 104.051.
- Section 13. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 98.077, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 98.077 Update of voter signature.-
- (1) A registered voter may update his or her signature on file in the statewide voter registration system at any time using a voter registration application submitted to a voter registration official. Beginning July 1, 2023, a voter must have a wet signature on file in the statewide voter registration

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system. A voter who does not have a wet signature on file must update his or her signature before voting in the next election.

- (2) The department and supervisors of elections shall include in any correspondence, other than postcard notifications and notices relating to eligibility, sent to a registered voter information regarding when, where, and how to update the voter's signature and shall provide the voter information on how to obtain a voter registration application from a voter registration official which can be returned to update the signature.
- the presidential preference primary or the primary election, whichever occurs first, the supervisor shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation or other newspaper in the county, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the supervisor, a notice specifying when, where, or how a voter can update his or her signature that is on file and how a voter can obtain a voter registration application from a voter registration official.
 - (4) Except as authorized in ss. 101.048 and 101.68:
- (a) All signature updates for use in verifying vote-by-mail <u>voter certificates</u>, <u>and provisional ballot voter</u>

 <u>certificates</u>, <u>or petitions ballots</u> must be received by the appropriate supervisor before the <u>voter's elector's</u> ballot is

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received by the supervisor or, in the case of provisional ballots, before the voter's elector's ballot is cast or, in the case of a petition, before the petition is submitted for signature verification.

(b) The wet signature on file at the time the vote-by-mail ballot is received, or at the time the provisional ballot is cast, or at the time a petition is reviewed is the signature that must shall be used in verifying the signature on the vote-by-mail voter certificates, and provisional ballot voter certificates, or petitions, respectively. For signatures requiring secondary or tertiary review, older signatures from previous registration updates may be used.

Section 14. Section 98.093, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 98.093 Duty of officials to furnish information relating to deceased persons, persons adjudicated mentally incapacitated, persons convicted of a felony, and persons who are not United States citizens.—
- (1) <u>DUTIES.—</u>In order to identify ineligible registered voters and maintain accurate and current voter registration records in the statewide voter registration system pursuant to procedures in s. 98.065 or s. 98.075, it is necessary for the department and supervisors of elections to receive or access certain information from state and federal officials and entities in the format prescribed.

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- (2) To the maximum extent feasible, state and local government agencies shall facilitate provision of information and access to data to the department, including, but not limited to, databases that contain reliable criminal records and records of deceased persons. State and local government agencies that provide such data <u>must shall</u> do so without charge if the direct cost incurred by those agencies is not significant.
- (2) (a) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—The Department of Health shall furnish weekly monthly to the department a list containing the name, address, date of birth, date of death, social security number, race, and sex of each deceased person 17 years of age or older whose death was reported during the preceding week.
- (3) (b) CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.—Each clerk of the circuit court shall furnish weekly to the supervisors in their respective jurisdiction the following information monthly to the department:
- (a) 1. Information identifying A list of those persons who have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting during the preceding week and calendar month, a list of those persons whose mental capacity with respect to voting has been restored during the preceding week. The information must include each person's name; address; date of birth; race; sex; and, if available, his or her Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number or the last four digits of his or her social security number. The clerk shall provide the

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information to the department to assist a supervisor in identifying registered voters in his or her county who are adjudicated mentally incapacitated outside of his or her county pursuant to s. 98.075(4).

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

(c) 2. Information on the terms of sentence for felony convictions, including any financial obligations for court costs, fees, and fines, of all persons listed in the clerk's records whose last known address in the clerk's records is within this state and who have been convicted of a felony during the preceding week month. The information may be provided to the supervisor directly by the clerk individual clerks of the circuit court or may be provided on their behalf through the Comprehensive Case Information System. For each felony conviction reported, the information must include:

 $\underline{1.a.}$ The full name; \underline{r} last known address; \underline{r} date of birth; \underline{r} race; \underline{r} sex; \underline{r} and, if available, the Florida driver license

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number or Florida identification card number, as applicable; 7 and the <u>last four digits of the</u> social security number of the person convicted.

- 2.b. The amounts of all financial obligations, including restitution and court costs, fees, and fines, and, if known, the amount of financial obligations not yet satisfied.
 - 3.c. The county in which the conviction occurred.
- $\underline{\text{4.d.}}$ The statute number violated, statute table text, date of conviction, and case number.
- $\underline{(4)}$ (e) <u>UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.</u>—Upon receipt of information from the United States Attorney, listing persons convicted of a felony in federal court, the department shall use such information to identify registered voters or applicants for voter registration who may be potentially ineligible based on information provided in accordance with s. 98.075.
- (5)(d) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The Department of Law Enforcement shall identify and report to the department at least weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony during the preceding week who appear in the voter registration records supplied by the statewide voter registration system, in a time and manner that enables the department to meet its obligations under state and federal law.
- (6)(e) FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW.—The Florida Commission on Offender Review shall furnish at least weekly bimonthly to the department data, including the identity of

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those persons granted clemency in the preceding month or any updates to prior records which have occurred in the preceding month. The data <u>must shall</u> contain the commission's case number and the person's name, address, date of birth, race, gender, Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the social security number, if available, and references to record identifiers assigned by the Department of Corrections and the Department of Law Enforcement, a unique identifier of each clemency case, and the effective date of clemency of each person.

- (7) (f) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.—The Department of Corrections shall identify and report to the department at least weekly those persons who have been convicted of a felony and committed to its custody or placed on community supervision during the preceding week. The information must be provided to the department at a time and in a manner that enables the department to identify registered voters who are convicted felons and to meet its obligations under state and federal law.
- (8) (g) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—
 The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall furnish weekly monthly to the department the following information:

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because they have been licensed <u>or been issued an identification card</u> in another state. The <u>information list</u> must contain the <u>person's name</u>, <u>last known Florida address</u>, <u>out-of-state</u> address, date of birth, sex, <u>last four digits of his or her</u> social security number, and <u>Florida</u> driver license number <u>or Florida identification card number and</u>, if available, the address and the state in which the person is now licensed <u>of each such person</u>.

- (b)2. Information identifying A list of those persons who during the preceding week presented evidence of non-United States citizenship upon being issued a new or renewed Florida driver license or Florida identification card. The information list must contain the person's name; address; date of birth; last four digits of the; social security number, if applicable; and Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number, as available applicable; and alien registration number or other legal status identifier, of each such person.
- (c) Information identifying those persons for which it has received official information during the preceding week that the person is deceased. The information must contain the name, address, date of birth, last four digits of the social security number, Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number, source containing information on the deceased, and date of death of each such person.

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

Section 15. Section 98.0981, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

- (1) VOTING HISTORY AND STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM INFORMATION.—Each supervisor shall submit the reports required by this subsection to the department no later than 20 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the results of an election.
- (a) <u>Reconciliation.—For each presidential preference</u>

 primary election, special primary election, special election,

 primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall

 reconcile the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct

 to the aggregate number of voters with voter history pursuant to

 paragraph (b) and the precinct—level election results pursuant

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to subsection (3) and submit a reconciliation report. The report
must be submitted to the department in an electronic format
pursuant to file format and specifications set forth in rule.
The report must include a written explanation if the
reconciliation results in a discrepancy between the voter
history and the election results.

- (b) Voting history.—For each Within 30 days after certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of a presidential preference primary, special election, special primary election, primary election, or general election, as applicable, supervisors of elections shall transmit completely updated voting history information for each qualified voter to the department. Such information must be provided, in a uniform electronic format pursuant to file specifications adopted by the department by rule. The voting history information must include: specified in paragraph (d), completely updated voting history information for each qualified voter who voted
- 1. The unique identifier assigned to each qualified voter within the statewide voter registration system.
- 2. Each qualified voter's unique precinct identifier at the time of voting. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an alphanumeric code containing no more than six characters representing the precinct name or number.
 - 3. Specifics as to each qualified voter's voting history,

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including whether the qualified voter voted a regular ballot during the early voting period, voted during the early voting period using a provisional ballot that was subsequently counted, voted a regular ballot at a precinct location, voted at a precinct location using a provisional ballot that was subsequently counted, voted by vote-by-mail ballot, attempted to vote by a timely received vote-by-mail ballot that was received untimely, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that was not counted, or did not vote.

- (c) Precinct boundaries.—For each presidential preference primary election, special primary election, special election, primary election, and general election, the supervisor shall submit to the department the geographical information system map of precinct boundaries created and maintained pursuant to s. 101.001 for the applicable election.
 - (2) (b) LEGISLATIVE REPORT. -
- (a) Specifications.—After receipt of the information in paragraph (a), The department shall prepare an election summary compiled for a presidential preference primary election, special primary election, special election, primary election, or general election, as applicable, a report in an electronic format which contains the following information, separately compiled for the primary and general election for all voters qualified to vote in either election:

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-	1.	The	voting	history	infor	mation	as	trans	smitted	under
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- 2. All information provided by each qualified voter on his or her voter registration application pursuant to s. 97.052(2), except that which is confidential or exempt from public records requirements. \div
 - 3. Each qualified voter's date of registration _+
- 4. Each qualified voter's current state representative district, state senatorial district, and congressional district, county commission district, and school board district at the time of voting, assigned by the supervisor of elections;
 - 5. Each qualified voter's current precinct; and
- 6. Voting history as transmitted under paragraph (a) to include whether the qualified voter voted at a precinct location, voted during the early voting period, voted by vote-by-mail ballot, attempted to vote by vote-by-mail ballot that was not counted, attempted to vote by provisional ballot that was not counted, or did not vote.
- (b) (c) <u>Submission.</u>—Within 60 45 days after certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission <u>certifies</u> of a presidential preference primary, special election, primary election, or general election, the department shall <u>submit</u> send to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

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937	Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House
938	Minority Leader <u>an election summary</u> a report in electronic
939	format that includes all information set forth in paragraph $\underline{\text{(a)}}$
940	(b) .
941	(d) File specifications are as follows:
942	1. The file shall contain records designated by the
943	categories below for all qualified voters who, regardless of the
944	voter's county of residence or active or inactive registration
945	status at the book closing for the corresponding election that
946	the file is being created for:
947	a. Voted a regular ballot at a precinct location.
948	b. Voted at a precinct location using a provisional ballot
949	that was subsequently counted.
950	c. Voted a regular ballot during the early voting period.
951	d. Voted during the early voting period using a
952	provisional ballot that was subsequently counted.
953	e. Voted by vote-by-mail ballot.
954	f. Attempted to vote by vote-by-mail ballot, but the
955	ballot was not counted.
956	g. Attempted to vote by provisional ballot, but the ballot
957	was not counted in that election.
958	2. Each file shall be created or converted into a tab-
959	delimited format.
960	3. File names shall adhere to the following convention:
961	a. Three-character county identifier as established by the

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962	department followed by an underscore.
963	b. Followed by four-character file type identifier of
964	"VHO3" followed by an underscore.
965	c. Followed by FVRS election ID followed by an underscore.
966	d. Followed by Date Created followed by an underscore.
967	e. Date format is YYYYMMDD.
968	f. Followed by Time Created - HHMMSS.
969	g. Followed by ".txt".
970	4. Each record shall contain the following columns: Record
971	Identifier, FVRS Voter ID Number, FVRS Election ID Number, Vote
972	Date, Vote History Code, Precinct, Congressional District, House
973	District, Senate District, County Commission District, and
974	School Board District.
975	(e) Each supervisor of elections shall reconcile, before
976	submission, the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct
977	as reported in the precinct-level election results to the
978	aggregate total number of voters with voter history for the
979	election for each district.
980	(f) Each supervisor of elections shall submit the results
981	of the data reconciliation as described in paragraph (e) to the
982	department in an electronic format and give a written
983	explanation for any precincts where the reconciliation as
984	described in paragraph (e) results in a discrepancy between the
985	voter history and the election results.
986	(3) (2) PRECINCT-LEVEL ELECTION RESULTS

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(a) $1.$ Within 10 business 30 days after certification by
the Elections Canvassing Commission $\underline{\text{certifies}}$ $\underline{\text{of}}$ a presidential
preference primary election, special election, special primary
election, primary election, or general election, as applicable,
the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit to the
department precinct-level election results for the election in a
uniform electronic format specified by paragraph (c). $\overline{\text{The}}$
precinct-level election results shall be compiled separately for
the primary or special primary election that preceded the
general or special general election, respectively. The results
${ m \underline{must}}$ ${ m \underline{shall}}$ specifically include for each precinct the total of
all ballots cast for each candidate or nominee to fill a
national, state, county, or district office or proposed
constitutional amendment, with subtotals for each candidate and
ballot type. When one or more ballot types, also known as
counting groups, in a race or issue have fewer than 30 voters
voting on the ballot, the ballot type must be reported as zero
except for the total votes counting group for that precinct.
Ballot types or counting groups include election day, early
voting, vote-by-mail, provisional voting, and total votes
However, ballot type or precinct subtotals in a race or question
having fewer than 30 voters voting on the ballot type or in the
precinct may not be reported in precinct results. For purposes
of this paragraph, the term "all ballots cast" means ballots
cast by voters who cast a ballot $_{\underline{\prime}}$ whether at a precinct

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location: by vote-by-mail ballot. including overseas vote-by-mail ballots: during the early voting period: or by provisional ballot.

- 2. Upon request from the department, a supervisor must research and address, as appropriate, any questions or issues identified by the department pertaining to the precinct-level election results. If the information as originally submitted is changed or corrected, the supervisor must provide an amended precinct-level election results file no later than 10 business days after the request from the department.
- (b) The department shall make such information available online no later than 60 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the presidential preference primary election, special primary election, special election, primary election, or general election, as applicable. The website containing the information must include on a searchable, sortable, and downloadable database via its website that also includes the file layout and codes. The information must database shall be searchable and sortable by county, precinct, and candidate;. The must database shall be downloadable in a tab-delimited format; and must. The database shall be available for download county-by-county and also as a statewide file. Such report shall also be made available upon request.
- (c) The files containing the precinct-level election results $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ be created in accordance with the applicable

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1037	file specification as set forth in rule. The rule must provide,
1038	at a minimum, that ÷
1039	1. The precinct-level results file shall be created or
1040	converted into a tab-delimited text file.
1041	2. The row immediately before the first data record shall
1042	contain the column names of the data elements that make up the
1043	data records. There shall be one header record followed by
1044	multiple data records.
1045	$3.$ the data records $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ include the following columns:
1046	County Name, Election Number, Election Date, Unique Precinct
1047	Identifier, Precinct Polling Location, Total Registered Voters,
1048	Total Registered Republicans, Total Registered Democrats, Total
1049	Registered All Other Parties, Contest Name,
1050	Candidate/Retention/Issue Name, Candidate Florida Voter
1051	Registration System ID Number, Division of Elections Unique
1052	Candidate Identifying Number, Candidate Party, District,
1053	Undervote Total, Overvote Total, Write-in Total, and Vote Total.
1054	For purposes of this paragraph, the term "unique precinct
1055	identifier" means an alphanumeric code containing no more than
1056	six characters representing the precinct name or number.
1057	(4)(3) PRECINCT-LEVEL BOOK CLOSING STATISTICSNo later
1058	than 10 days after the date of book closing for but before the
1059	$\frac{\text{date of}}{\text{of}}$ an election as defined in s. 97.021 to fill a national,
1060	state, county, or district office, or to vote on a proposed

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1061 constitutional amendment, the department shall compile <u>and make</u>

1062	<u>available</u>	the	following	precinct-level	statistical	data	for	each
1063	county:							

- (a) <u>Unique</u> precinct <u>identifier</u> <u>numbers</u>. <u>For purposes of</u> this subsection, the term "unique precinct identifier" means an <u>alphanumeric code containing no more than six characters</u> representing the precinct name or number.
- (b) Total number of active registered voters by party for each precinct.
- (5)(4) LIVE TURNOUT DATA.—On election day, each supervisor of elections shall make live voter turnout data, updated at least once per hour, available on his or her website. Each supervisor shall transmit the live voter turnout data to the division, which must create and maintain a real-time statewide turnout dashboard that is available for viewing by the public on the division's website as the data becomes available.
- (6) REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—The department shall also make publicly available the reports and results required in subsections (1)-(4) (1)-(3).
- $\underline{(7)}$ RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules and prescribe forms to carry out the purposes of this section.
- Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:
 - 99.021 Form of candidate oath.-
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(d) In addition, each candidate, whether a party
candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in
candidate, shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or
affirmation, state in writing whether he or she owes any
outstanding fines, fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed
\$250 for any violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State
Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and
Employees under part III of chapter 112, any local ethics
ordinance governing standards of conduct and disclosure
requirements, or chapter 106. If the candidate owes any
outstanding fines, fees, or penalties exceeding the threshold
amount specified in this paragraph, he or she must also specify
the amount owed and each entity that levied such fine, fee, or
penalty. For purposes of this paragraph, any such fines, fees,
or penalties that have been paid in full at the time of
subscribing to the oath or affirmation are not deemed to be
outstanding.
Section 17. Section 99.0215, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:
99.0215 Name of candidate.—
(1) Each candidate shall designate in the oath or
affirmation specified in s. 99.021 the name that he or she
wishes to have printed on the ballot, or in the case of a write-
in candidate the name that he or she wishes to have voters

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write in on the ballot when voting for him or her. Such

1112 designation must include the candidate's legal given name or 1113 names, a shortened form of the candidate's legal given name or 1114 names, an initial or initials of the candidate's legal given name or names, or a bona fide nickname customarily related to 1115 the candidate and by which the candidate is commonly known, 1116 immediately followed by the candidate's legal surname. If 1117 applicable, a candidate may place one of the following 1118 designations after the legal surname: "Sr.," "Jr.," or a 1119 1120 numerical designation such as "II." 1121 (2) If a candidate wishes to designate a nickname, the candidate must file an affidavit that must be verified under 1122 1123 oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a), attesting that the nickname complies with the requirements of this section. The 1124 1125 affidavit must be filed simultaneously with the oath or affirmation specified in s. 99.021. Any nickname designated by a 1126 1127 candidate may not be used to mislead voters. A candidate may not 1128 designate a nickname that implies the candidate is some other 1129 person, that constitutes a political slogan or otherwise 1130 associates the candidate with a cause or issue, or that is obscene or profane. For purposes of this subsection, the term 1131 "political slogan" means any word or words expressing or 1132 1133 connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate may 1134 espouse, including, but not limited to, any word or words 1135 conveying any meaning other than that of the general identity of 1136 the candidate.

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

Section 18. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 99.097, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

99.097 Verification of signatures on petitions.-

- (4) (a) The supervisor <u>must shall</u> be paid in advance the sum of 10 cents for each signature checked or the actual cost of checking such signature, whichever is less, by the candidate or, in the case of a petition to have <u>a local</u> an issue placed on the ballot, by the person or organization submitting the petition.

 In the case of a petition to place a statewide issue on the ballot, the supervisor must be paid in advance by the person or organization submitting the petition the actual cost posted by the supervisor pursuant to s. 100.371(11) for the actual cost of checking signatures to place a statewide issue on the ballot.
- (b) However, if a candidate, person, or organization seeking to have an issue placed upon the ballot cannot pay such charges without imposing an undue burden on personal resources or upon the resources otherwise available to such candidate, person, or organization, such candidate, person, or organization shall, upon written certification of such inability given under oath to the supervisor, is be entitled to have the signatures verified at no charge.

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- (c) In the event a candidate, person, or organization submitting a petition to have an issue placed upon the ballot is entitled to have the signatures verified at no charge, the supervisor of elections of each county in which the signatures are verified at no charge shall submit the total number of such signatures checked in the county to the Chief Financial Officer no later than December 1 of the general election year, and the Chief Financial Officer shall cause such supervisor of elections to be reimbursed from the General Revenue Fund in an amount equal to 10 cents or the actual cost for each name checked or the actual cost of checking such signatures, whichever is applicable as set forth in paragraph (a) less. In no event may shall such reimbursement of costs be deemed or applied as extra compensation for the supervisor.
- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ Petitions $\underline{\text{must}}$ shall be retained by the supervisors for a period of 1 year following the election for which the petitions were circulated.
- (5) The results of a verification pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)2. may be contested in the circuit court by the candidate; an announced opponent; a representative of a designated political committee; or a person, party, or other organization submitting the petition. The contestant <u>must shall</u> file a complaint, together with the fees prescribed in chapter 28, with the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the petition is certified or in Leon County if the petition covers

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more than one county within 10 days after midnight of the date the petition is certified; and the complaint must shall set forth the grounds on which the contestant intends to establish his or her right to require a complete check of the petition pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. In the event the court orders a complete check of the petition and the result is not changed as to the success or lack of success of the petitioner in obtaining the requisite number of valid signatures, then such candidate, unless the candidate has filed the oath stating that he or she is unable to pay such charges; announced opponent; representative of a designated political committee; or party, person, or organization submitting the petition, unless such person or organization has filed the oath stating inability to pay such charges, shall pay to the supervisor of elections of each affected county for the complete check an amount calculated at the rate of 10 cents for each additional signature checked or the actual cost of checking such additional signatures, as applicable whichever is less.

Section 19. Section 100.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

100.021 Notice of general election.—The Department of State shall, in any year in which a general election is held, make out a notice stating what offices and vacancies are to be filled at the general election in the state, and in each county and district thereof. During the 30 days <u>before</u> prior to the

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beginning of qualifying, the department of State shall have the notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in each county; and, in counties in which there is no newspaper of general circulation, it shall send to the sheriff a notice of the offices and vacancies to be filled at such general election by the qualified voters of the sheriff's county or any district thereof, and the sheriff shall have at least five copies of the notice posted in conspicuous places in the county. Notice may be provided alternatively by publishing notice on the division's website, on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on the supervisor's website, as deemed appropriate by the supervisor.

Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 100.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(3) The department shall deliver a copy of such notice to the supervisor of elections of each county in which the special election is to be held. The supervisor shall have the notice published two times in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least 10 days before prior to the first day set for qualifying for office or, for at least 10 days before the first day set for qualifying for office, publish notice on the county's website as provided in s. 50.0311 or on the supervisor's website. If such a newspaper is not published

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1237	within the period set forth, the supervisor shall post at least
1238	five copies of the notice in conspicuous places in the county
1239	not less than 10 days prior to the first date set for
1240	qualifying.
1241	Section 21. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended
1242	to read:
1243	100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.—In any
1244	special election or referendum not otherwise provided for $\underline{{\it \iota}}$ there
1245	$\underline{\text{must}}$ shall be at least 30 days' notice of the election or
1246	referendum by publication in a newspaper of general circulation
1247	in the county, district, or municipality, or publication on the
1248	county's website as provided in s. 50.0311, the municipality's
1249	website, or the supervisor's website, as applicable as the case
1250	$\frac{\text{may be}}{\text{may}}$. The publication $\frac{\text{must}}{\text{shall}}$ be made at least twice, once
1251	in the fifth week and once in the third week $\underline{\text{before}}$ $\underline{\text{prior to}}$ the
1252	week in which the election or referendum is to be held. If $\underline{\text{the}}$
1253	applicable website becomes unavailable or there is no newspaper
1254	of general circulation in the county, district, or municipality,
1255	the notice $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ be posted in no less than five places
1256	within the territorial limits of the county, district, or
1257	municipality.
1258	Section 22. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection
1259	(4) of section 101.001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1260	101.001 Precincts and polling places; boundaries
1261	(3)(a) Each supervisor of elections shall maintain a

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geographical information system suitable map drawn to a scale no smaller than 3 miles to the inch and clearly delineating all major observable features such as roads, streams, and railway lines and showing the current geographical boundaries of each precinct, representative district, and senatorial district, and other type of district in the county subject to the elections process in this code. A supervisor may coordinate with other governmental entities to comply with this subsection.

- (b) The supervisor shall provide to the department data on all precincts in the county associated with the most recent decennial census blocks within each precinct.
- (c) The department shall maintain a searchable database that contains the precincts and the corresponding most recent decennial census blocks within the precincts for each county, including a historical file that allows the census blocks to be traced through the prior decade.
- (b)(d) The supervisor of elections shall notify the Secretary of State in writing within 10 days after any reorganization of precincts and shall furnish a copy of the geographical information system compatible map showing the current geographical boundaries and designation of each new precinct. However, if precincts are composed of whole census blocks, the supervisor may furnish, in lieu of a copy of the map, a list, in an electronic format prescribed by the Department of State, associating each census block in the county

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with its precinct.

- (c) (e) Any precinct established or altered under the provisions of this section <u>must shall</u> consist of areas bounded on all sides only by census block boundaries from the most recent United States Census. If the census block boundaries split or conflict with <u>a municipal or other political</u> subdivision another political boundary listed below, the boundary listed below may be used as a precinct boundary:
- 1. Governmental unit boundaries reported in the most recent Boundary and Annexation Survey published by the United States Census Bureau; or
- 2. Visible features that are readily distinguishable upon the ground, such as streets, railroads, tracks, streams, and lakes, and that are indicated upon current census maps, official Department of Transportation maps, official municipal maps, official county maps, or a combination of such maps;
- 3. Boundaries of public parks, public school grounds, or churches; or
- 2.4. Boundaries of counties, incorporated municipalities, or other political subdivisions that meet criteria established by the United States Census Bureau for block boundaries.
- (4)(a) Within 10 days after there is any change in the division, <u>name</u>, number, or boundaries of the precincts, or the location of the polling places, the supervisor of elections shall make in writing an accurate description of any new or

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altered precincts, setting forth the boundary lines and shall identify the location of each new or altered polling place. A copy of the document describing such changes <u>must shall</u> be posted at the supervisor's office.

Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 101.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.048 Provisional ballots.-

(1) At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a person whom an election official asserts is not eligible, including, but not limited to, a person to whom notice has been sent pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but for whom a final determination of eligibility has not been made, and other persons specified in the code shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot. Once voted, the provisional ballot must shall be placed in a secrecy envelope and thereafter sealed in a provisional ballot envelope. The provisional ballot must shall be deposited in a ballot box. All provisional ballots must shall remain sealed in their envelopes for return to the supervisor of elections. The department shall prescribe the form of the provisional ballot envelope. A person casting a provisional ballot has shall have the right to present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of

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elections by not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.

Section 24. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 101.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.151 Specifications for ballots.-

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

Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 101.5612, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.5612 Testing of tabulating equipment.-

(2) On any day not more than 25 days before the commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, the supervisor of elections shall have the automatic tabulating equipment publicly tested to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. If the ballots to be used at the polling place on election day are not available at the time of the testing, the supervisor may conduct an additional test not more than 10 days before election day. Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at least 48 hours prior thereto by publication on the county website as provided in s. 50.0311, on the supervisor of elections' website, or and once in one or more

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newspapers of general circulation in the county. If the applicable website becomes unavailable or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, by posting the notice must be posted in at least four conspicuous places in the county. The supervisor or the municipal elections official may, at the time of qualifying, give written notice of the time and location of the public preelection test to each candidate qualifying with that office and obtain a signed receipt that the notice has been given. The Department of State shall give written notice to each statewide candidate at the time of qualifying, or immediately at the end of qualifying, that the voting equipment will be tested and advise each candidate to contact the county supervisor of elections as to the time and location of the public preelection test. The supervisor or the municipal elections official shall, at least 30 days before the commencement of early voting as provided in s. 101.657, send written notice by certified mail to the county party chair of each political party and to all candidates for other than statewide office whose names appear on the ballot in the county and who did not receive written notification from the supervisor or municipal elections official at the time of qualifying, stating the time and location of the public preelection test of the automatic tabulating equipment. The canvassing board shall convene, and each member of the canvassing board shall certify to the accuracy of the test. For the test, the canvassing board

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may designate one member to represent it. The test shall be open to representatives of the political parties, the press, and the public. Each political party may designate one person with expertise in the computer field who shall be allowed in the central counting room when all tests are being conducted and when the official votes are being counted. The designee shall not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 101.6103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.6103 Mail ballot election procedure.-

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7), the supervisor of elections shall mail all official ballots with a secrecy envelope, a return mailing envelope, and instructions sufficient to describe the voting process to each elector entitled to vote in the election within the timeframes specified in s. 101.62(3) s. 101.62(4). All such ballots must shall be mailed by first-class mail. Ballots must shall be addressed to each elector at the address appearing in the registration records and placed in an envelope which is prominently marked "Do Not Forward."
- 1406 Section 27. Section 101.62, Florida Statutes, is amended 1407 to read:
 - 101.62 Request for vote-by-mail ballots.-
 - (1) REQUEST.—
- 1410 (a) The supervisor shall accept a request for a vote-by-

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1411	mail ballot only from a voter or, if directly instructed by the
1412	voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's
1413	legal guardian from an elector in person or in writing. \underline{A}
1414	request may be made in person, in writing, by telephone, or
1415	through the supervisor's website. The department shall prescribe
1416	by rule by October 1, 2023, a uniform statewide application to
1417	make a written request for a vote-by-mail ballot which includes
1418	fields for all information required in this subsection. One
1419	request is deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot
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1421	next regularly scheduled general election, unless the $\underline{ ext{voter}}$
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1423	the request is made the elections within such period for which
1424	the $\underline{\text{voter}}$ $\underline{\text{elector}}$ desires to receive a vote-by-mail ballot. $\underline{\text{The}}$
1425	supervisor must cancel a request for a vote-by-mail ballot Such
1426	$rac{ ext{request may be considered canceled}}{ ext{considered canceled}}$ when any first-class mail $\underline{ ext{or}}$
1427	$\underline{ ext{nonforwardable mail}}$ sent by the supervisor to the $\underline{ ext{voter}}$
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1429	mail ballot thereafter, the voter must provide or confirm his or
1430	her current residential address.

(b) The supervisor may accept a written, an in-person, or a telephonic request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a voter's an elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System from the voter elector, or, if directly instructed by the voter elector, a member of the voter's

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elector's immediate family, or the voter's elector's legal guardian. If an in-person or a telephonic request is made, the voter elector must provide the voter's elector's Florida driver license number, the voter's elector's Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's elector's social security number, whichever may be verified in the supervisor's records, and a wet signature. If the ballot is requested to be mailed to an address other than the voter's elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System, the request must be made in writing. A written request must include a wet signature of be signed by the voter

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Remove lines 6-213 and insert:

to adopt specified rules; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; providing a
definition; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; revising the information
that the uniform statewide voter registration application must
be designed to elicit; conforming a provision to changes made by
the act; amending s. 97.0525, F.S.; requiring an online voter
registration applicant to provide a wet signature to the
supervisor before the applicant may vote in an election;
amending s. 97.053, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made
by the act; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; conforming a crossreference; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; requiring third-party
voter registration organizations provide to the Division of

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1461 Elections the general election cycle for which they are 1462 registering persons to vote, beginning on a certain date; 1463 requiring third-party voter registration organizations to 1464 provide to the division certain affirmations; providing that a 1465 third-party voter registration organization is liable for 1466 certain fines in certain circumstances; providing that the 1467 registration of such organizations expires at the conclusion of 1468 the organizations' lawful responsibilities following such 1469 election cycle, beginning on a certain date; requiring such 1470 organizations to provide applicants with a specified receipt; requiring the division to adopt by rule a uniform format for 1471 1472 such receipt by a specified date; revising the timeframe within which such organizations must deliver applications to the 1473 1474 division or a supervisor of elections; revising the fines for 1475 failure to submit applications to the division or the supervisor 1476 within the specified timeframe; prohibiting a person collecting 1477 applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration 1478 organization from copying specified information from the 1479 application for reasons other than complying with specified 1480 requirements; providing criminal penalties; providing retroactive applicability; prohibiting organizations from 1481 1482 providing prefilled voter registration applications to 1483 applicants; providing civil penalties; amending s. 97.071, F.S.; 1484 revising the contents of voter information cards; providing construction; providing applicability; amending s. 98.065, F.S.; 1485

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removing a provision relating to the address to which certain voter registration mail must be addressed; revising requirements applicable to registration list maintenance programs; requiring a supervisor to conduct a certain review of voter registration records at least annually and take certain actions; requiring the department to coordinate with a supervisor of elections for a specified purpose; amending s. 98.0655, F.S.; removing a provision that requires an address confirmation request to include a certain statement; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; removing the scheduled repeal of a public records exemption for certain voter registration information from another state or the District of Columbia; requiring the supervisor to remove the name of a registered voter from the statewide voter registration system within a specified timeframe if certain conditions exist; requiring the supervisor to coordinate with his or her respective clerk of the court to obtain information of those registered voters convicted of a felony who have not had their voting rights restored; requiring a supervisor to adhere to specified procedures before the removal of a registered voter from the statewide voter registration system; providing construction; requiring the notice that the supervisor must provide to a potentially ineligible voter to include a specified statement; authorizing a supervisor to post a specified notice on the county's website or the supervisor's website; requiring the notice to contain specified statements; requiring the

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supervisor to make a final determination of the voter's eligibility within a specified timeframe and remove the name of a registered voter within a specified timeframe if the registered voter fails to respond or responds in a certain manner to certain notices; requiring the supervisor to review evidence and make a determination of eligibility within a specified timeframe in certain circumstances; requiring the supervisor to remove an ineligible voter within a specified timeframe and notify the voter that he or she has the right to appeal the determination of ineligibility; requiring the supervisor to schedule and issue notice of a hearing within a specified timeframe after receiving the voter's hearing request; requiring that the hearing be held within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to coordinate with the supervisor to ensure that such actions and activities are conducted; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 98.077, F.S.; requiring a voter to have a wet signature on file in the statewide voter registration system beginning on a certain date; removing a reference to the department from a provision requiring correspondence to include certain information; requiring a supervisor to publish a specified notice in a newspaper, on the county's website, or on the supervisor's website; requiring that signature updates used to verify signatures on ballot certificates or petitions be received by the supervisor before the voter's ballot is

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1536 received, his or her provisional ballot is cast, or the petition 1537 is submitted for signature verification; requiring the 1538 supervisor to use the signature on file at the time the vote-bymail ballot is received, the provisional ballot is cast, or the 1539 1540 petition is reviewed; providing an exception; providing that the 1541 wet signature on file at a certain time shall be used to verify 1542 certain signatures; amending s. 98.093, F.S.; requiring the 1543 Department of Health to weekly furnish a specified list to the 1544 Department of State; requiring clerks of the circuit court to 1545 weekly furnish specified information to the supervisors; 1546 requiring the clerks to provide certain information to the 1547 department; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to 1548 identify and report specified persons to the Department of State 1549 at least weekly; requiring the Florida Commission on Offender 1550 Review to furnish data on clemency to the Department of State at 1551 least weekly; requiring the Department of Corrections to 1552 identify persons convicted of a felony and committed to its 1553 custody, and to provide such information to the Department of 1554 State, at least weekly; requiring the Department of Highway 1555 Safety and Motor Vehicles to weekly furnish specified 1556 information to the Department of State; revising construction; making technical changes; amending s. 98.0981, F.S.; requiring 1557 1558 supervisors to submit specified reports to the department within 1559 a specified timeframe; requiring supervisors to prepare a 1560 reconciliation report and submit such report to the department;

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providing requirements for, and the required format of, the report; revising the requirement that supervisors transmit to the department, in a specified format, the completely updated voting history information for each qualified voter who voted; defining the term "unique precinct identifier"; requiring supervisors to submit a specified geographical information system map to the department; requiring the department to submit an election summary report containing certain information to the Legislature following the certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of specified elections; removing certain file specifications; revising the timeframe for a supervisor to collect and submit to the department precinct-level election results after certification by the commission of specified elections; revising the procedures to compile such results; requiring the supervisor to research and address questions or issues identified by the department in such results; requiring the supervisor to provide amended precinct-level election results to the department within a specified timeframe, if certain conditions exist; requiring the department to publish such results online within a specified timeframe; specifying requirements for the website; requiring certain files to be created in accordance with, and providing requirements for, a certain rule; providing a definition; providing the timeframe within which the department must compile and make available certain precinct-level statistical data; requiring the

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1586 department to adopt specified rules; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; 1587 revising the form of the candidate oath to require that 1588 candidates acknowledge certain outstanding fines, fees, or penalties relating to ethics or campaign finance violations; 1589 1590 creating s. 99.0215, F.S.; requiring a candidate to designate in 1591 the candidate's oath the name he or she wishes to have printed 1592 on the ballot, subject to specified conditions; requiring a 1593 candidate to file a specified affidavit simultaneously with the 1594 oath if the candidate wishes to use a nickname, which is subject 1595 to certain conditions; defining the term "political slogan"; 1596 prohibiting the use of a professional title or degree except in 1597 specified circumstances; amending s. 99.097, F.S.; requiring the person or organization that submits signatures for a local or 1598 1599 statewide issue to pay the supervisor in advance for checking 1600 the signatures; making technical changes; amending s. 100.021, 1601 F.S.; providing alternative methods for providing notice of a 1602 general election; amending s. 100.141, F.S.; revising the methods by which a supervisor may publish notice of a special 1603 1604 election; amending s. 100.342, F.S.; specifying that the notice 1605 for a special election or referendum may be published on the 1606 county's website, the municipality's website, or the 1607 supervisor's website, as applicable; amending s. 101.001, F.S.; 1608 revising requirements for specified maps maintained by 1609 supervisors of elections; authorizing supervisors of elections to coordinate with other governmental entities for a certain 1610

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1611 purpose; removing a provision requiring supervisors to provide 1612 the department certain data on precincts in the county; removing 1613 a provision requiring the department to maintain a certain database; requiring supervisors of elections to include changes 1614 1615 in the name of a precinct in a certain document; amending s. 1616 101.048, F.S.; providing that specified persons are entitled to 1617 vote a provisional ballot; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; requiring the word "incumbent" to appear next to a candidate's name on an 1618 1619 election ballot under specified conditions; amending s. 1620 101.5612, F.S.; revising the methods by which certain notice may be provided; amending s. 101.6103, F.S.; conforming a cross-1621 1622 reference; making technical changes; amending s. 101.62, F.S.; specifying that a supervisor must accept requests for vote-by-1623 1624 mail ballots only from specified persons; providing that a 1625 request may be made through a supervisor's website; requiring 1626 the department to adopt by rule a uniform statewide application 1627 for a written request for a vote-by-mail ballot by a specified 1628 date; requiring a supervisor to cancel a request for a vote-by-1629 mail ballot if certain mail sent by the supervisor to the voter 1630 is returned to the supervisor as undeliverable; requiring a 1631 voter who subsequently requests a vote-by-mail ballot to provide 1632 or confirm his or her current residential address; requiring the 1633 supervisor to add certain information to the voter's 1634 registration record if such information is provided in the vote-

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