The following were adopted by the FSASE membership as legislative priorities:

1. Require “voter verified paper output” on all equipment used for compliance for all voters including accessible voting machines under section 101.56075 which provides for mechanisms to be used for persons with disabilities. The current law has a statutory deadline of 2020. Information released by the Department of State indicates that the current equipment used by 32 counties for persons with disabilities will not be able to be used in 2020. This is the only equipment for these counties currently certified and being manufactured for use in Florida. Counties that want to use updated previously approved and antiquated equipment need this change to ensure that the only equipment being manufactured and currently certified for use is available for the 2020 election cycle.

2. Funding for ERIC- Electronic Registration Information Center - legislation passed in 2018 allowed for Florida to join the group to clean up the statewide voter database to eliminate excess registrants who have moved to other states and registered voters who have moved to other states and registered, voters who have passed away, and provided sophisticated data matching services to the member states in order to improve a state’s ability to identify inaccurate and out-of-date voter registration records, as well as eligible, but unregistered residents.

FSASE also SUPPORTS:

3. Public Records Exemption for ALL voter information contained in the statewide voter database except for legitimate political purposes.

4. Public Records Exemption for voter information for 16-17 year old preregistered voters except for legitimate political purposes.

5. Remove of “Not yet designated” language for Governor/Lt. Governor on primary ballot before the position of Lt. Governor has been chosen.

6. Fix Qualifying Check bounce information in statutes as a result of Wright v. City of Miami Gardens case.

7. Eliminate the newspaper publication of ballots when sample ballots are mailed to all registered households in a county.
8. Allow the option for state-approved automated independent audit systems to be used by county canvassing boards and SOEs to conduct machine and manual recounts.

9. Move the qualifying date back two weeks and move the primary election date back one week. This will create 11 week intervals between the three events.

10. Allow flexibility to mail domestic VBM ballots not later than 28 days before the election.

11. Allow canvassing of VBM ballots 22 days prior to the election if desired (one week earlier).

12. Require some type of disclaimer on text messages sent to voters who do not opt-in to receive such messages.

13. Move last day to request VBM to 10 days prior to election and prohibit mailing of VBM less than 8 days prior to election.

14. Use signatures on cure affidavits to update voter signature of record.

15. Remove deadline to update signature prior to start of canvassing board.

16. Extend deadline for curing VBM issues to be 5:00 PM on Election Night.

17. Address issue of having to use provisional ballot envelopes for all votes cast by those not in line before 7:00 PM on election night.

18. Expansion of the number of “wildcard” early voting locations.