



FLORIDA SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

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The following issues were adopted by the FSE Legislative Committee on December 9, 2020, and voted and ratified by the FSE membership on January 12, 2021, as legislative priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session:

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1. Public Records Exemption for ALL voter information contained in the statewide voter database, including email addresses and phone numbers, except for use for legitimate political purposes (Amend 97.0585). See House Bill 155 for 2021 Legislative Session.
2. Public Records exemption for elections infrastructure and voting systems security, including IP/MAC addresses, host names, software versions, maintenance schedules and procedures, log files and configurations.
3. Allow Super Voting Sites as an option, as has been used via executive order for four elections in Gulf and Bay Counties after voting sites were disrupted after Hurricane Michael, and still today many precuts are unavailable to be used or are destroyed. This would allow, at the county level, for early voting and Election Day voting at Super Voting sites where any voter from the county can cast their ballot.
4. Eliminate requirement to use provisional ballot envelope for votes cast but not in line before 7:00 PM on election night due to executive or judicial extension of time. (Amend 101.049). Ballots would be segregated but not required to use provisional ballot envelope.
5. Codify that provisional ballots and ballot information are exempt from public records (101.048).
6. Designation of paper ballots as the actual public record, not digital ballot images (Section 101.21).
7. Clarification on language added during the 2019 Session requiring solicitation to be allowed on private property used as a polling place beyond the 150' No Solicitation Zone (Amend 102.031).
8. Require 3rd Party Voter Registration Organizations to deliver Voter Registration Applications to the office or county where the voter is being registered.
9. Clear provisions that the SOE will only share VBM curing information/provisional information to only the voter.
10. Allow additional Early Voting wildcard locations (up to 3 per county).

These additional items are issues that could, and should, be addressed if the opportunity arises, and have been brought forward by individual SOE's:

- Amend 103.091 to allow State Committeemen and State Committeewomen to prequalify (currently only allowed during qualifying week)
- Remove conflict in 101.043(1)(b)&(c) regarding providing identification and confirming address and correct precinct of voter
- Remove provisions of 101.5614 which requires duplication of overvoted ballots which do not require an interpretation of voter intent.
- Review and match timeframes and certificate envelopes of Vote By Mail ballots for Mail Only Elections.
- Allow additional days for recount deadlines, particularly for large counties.
- Change of political party deadline in 97.055 from 29 days to 45 days to accommodate mailing VBM ballots 40 days prior to an election, and not have two VBM ballots to same voter.
- Allow voters to request replacement of voter information cards by telephone or other electronic means (97.071(2)).
- Repeal law that allows voters to file a name change by submitting a signed written notice to SOE. Voter registration form should be required so voter signs the oath and signature can be used to update voter database (97.1031(2)).
- Allow list maintenance every year, although still mandate list maintenance every two years to maintain accuracy of voter file (98.065(3)).
- Tighten Undue Burden Oaths being filed for petition signature verification to require payment from surplus campaign funds prior to refunding to donors (99.09651, 99.095, 99.097(4)).
- Poll Watchers (101.71), change deadline to designate early voting poll watchers to 15 days so it doesn't fall on a Saturday (currently 14 days), and prohibit poll watchers from coming/going from polling place to circumvent prohibition of express purpose of interaction with voters.
- Amend date that political parties must nominate and submit candidate names for President/VP so SOE can receive certified ballot language from the State and still have 11 weeks between August Primary and November General Election to prepare ballot proof, mail ballots. Current law provides for September 1 deadline. (103.021(4)(a)).