

House Bill No. 125

An act relating to voter registration; creating s. 97.05831, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections of each county to send voter registration applications to the Fish and Wildlife Commission and its subagents; amending s. 372.561, F.S.; requiring voter registration applications to be displayed at each location where hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses or permits are sold; requiring that applicants for hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses or permits be asked if they would like a voter registration application; requiring certain information to be provided when a person applies for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit on the Internet; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Section 97.05831, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

97.05831 Voter registration applications made available to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.—As required in s. 372.561, each supervisor of elections shall supply voter registration applications to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its subagents, as needed.

Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 372.561, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and new subsections (8) and (9) are added to that section to read:

372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.—

(8) At each location where hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses or permits are sold, voter registration applications shall be displayed and made available to the public. Subagents shall ask each person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit if he or she would like a voter registration application and may provide such application to the license or permit applicant but shall not assist such persons with voter registration applications or collect complete or incomplete voter registration applications.

(9) When acting in its official capacity pursuant to this section, neither the commission nor a subagent is deemed a third-party registration organization, as defined in s. 97.021(36), or a voter registration agency, as defined in s. 97.021(40), and is not authorized to solicit, accept, or collect voter registration applications or provide voter registration services.

Section 3. Effective October 1, 2006, subsection (9) of section 372.561, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, is renumbered as subsection (11), subsection (10) of that section is renumbered as subsection (13), and new subsections (9), (10), and (12) are added to that section to read:

372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.—

(9) Except as provided in subsections (8) and (12), each person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit shall be asked if he or she would like the appropriate supervisor of elections to provide a voter registration application to the applicant at a later date. If at the time a license is purchased the applicant indicates that he or she would like to receive a voter registration application, the commission shall, within 7 days, make the request available to the appropriate supervisor of elections or voter registration agency so that an application may be sent to the applicant. Supervisors of elections shall mail an application to each person requesting such application within 5 business days after receipt of the request.

(10) The commission may satisfy the requirements of subsection (9) by providing access to an Internet site with the voter registration information included thereon.

(12) Each person who applies for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit on the Internet shall be provided a link to the Department of State's online uniform statewide voter registration application.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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