

Committee on Ethics and Elections

CS/HB 135 — Voter Registration Applications

by State Affairs Committee and Reps. Gossett-Seidman, Caruso, and others (CS/SB 1256 by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senator Martin)

The bill prohibits changing the party affiliation of a voter registration applicant who is updating his or her voter registration record unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to the change.

The bill revises voter-registration duties of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) by:

- Prohibiting the DHSMV from changing the party affiliation of an applicant who is updating his or her voter registration record unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to change his or her party affiliation.
- Requiring the DHSMV to, after verifying voter registration information and receiving the applicant's electronic signature, provide the applicant with a printed receipt that includes the submitted voter registration information and documents any changes in party affiliation.
- Requiring the DHSMV to ensure that technology processes and updates do not alter an applicant's party affiliation without the written consent of the applicant.

The bill requires the DHSMV to be in full compliance with the bill's requirements within 3 months after the bill becomes law.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect January 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0