



Make it Harder to Cheat Through Vote-by-Mail



Current Situation:

- Florida election outcomes can be compromised because 10's of thousands of illegal ballots can be inserted or valid ballots deleted in Florida's vote-by-mail process without detection due to poor chain of custody of vote-by-mail ballots and poor physical security procedures in vote-counting center in many large counties.
- There is no statewide standard for vote-by-mail ballot chain of custody or physical security.
- There are no procedural audits required to ensure that counties are following security plans submitted to and approved by the state.
- There is no reconciliation required to ensure the number of vote-by-mail ballots counted = the number of vote-by-mail ballots transported to the vote counting center.
- There is limited canvassing board oversight of ballot transport and other vote-by-mail processing due to high volume of ballots being overseen by a 3-person canvassing board.
- Many uncertified technologies and temporary workers are employed at vote-by-mail processing locations.
- Signature verification is extremely lenient with any signature that is remotely close being allowed through.
- Vote-by-mail was expanded due to Covid – Covid is over! **Return to qualified VBM only!**

Proposed Solution:

- Create statewide standards for ballot chain of custody and physical security. **(HB1669)**
- Require reconciliation to ensure the number of vote-by-mail ballots counted = the number of vote-by-mail ballots transported to the vote counting center. **(HB1669)**
- Require independent procedural audits to ensure counties are compliant. **(HB1669)**
- Expand the canvassing board from 3 to 5 persons and require a bi-partisan composition. **(HB1669)**
- Limit vote-by-mail to persons who are physically unable to go to the polls. **(HB1669/SB1752)**
- Require that temporary workers be properly trained U. S. citizens and regularly conduct manual cross checks on technologies utilized. **(HB1669)**
- Reduce the number of secure intake stations **(SB1752)**