

CS/SB 7050 – Elections

This bill amends s. 97.0575, F.S., adding an **unranked, 3rd degree felony (Level 1 by default)** for when “a person collecting voter registration applications on behalf of a third-party voter registration organization copies a voter’s application or retains a voter’s personal information, such as the voter’s Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, social security number, or signature, for any reason other than to provide such application or information to the third-party voter registration organization in compliance with this section.”

In FY 18-19, the incarceration rate for a Level 1, 3rd degree felony was 9.1%, and in FY 19-20 the incarceration rate was 8.2%. In FY 20-21, the incarceration rate for a Level 1, 3rd degree felony was 7.5%, and in FY 21-22 the incarceration rate was 8.6%.

While there is no data available on how many times violations take place that are described under this new language, there is a Level 4, 3rd degree felony under s. 817.568(2)(a), F.S. for “any person who willfully and without authorization fraudulently uses, or possesses with intent to fraudulently use, personal identification information concerning another person without first obtaining that person’s consent.” Per DOC, there were 98 new commitments for this felony in FY 18-19, and there were 63 new commitments in FY 19-20. There were 59 new commitments in FY 20-21, and 80 new commitments in FY 21-22. However, it cannot be determined if any of these commitments were for acts described under the new language in this bill. Therefore, given the lack of data, it is not known how many additional commitments there will be under the new language, so the impact on the prison population cannot be quantified.

**CONFERENCE APPROVED ESTIMATE: Positive
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