

## **ABC-7 WZVN HD (Fort Myers – Naples – Port Charlotte) Bill calls for sweeping overhaul of election law**

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Critics say a bill on Governor Rick Scott's desk makes it harder for some voters to register and have their votes count. The law would impose a sweeping overhaul of the state's election laws.

Among the changes, voters who haven't changed their address from out-of-county by Election Day would have to vote using a provisional ballot.

It also changes the primaries to mid-August and shortens early voting.

It would add restrictions on some groups that register voters - like the Boy Scouts and the League of Women Voters.

"It really is getting at the heart of the fraud issue, trying to address those concerns that have been raised by citizens. But it's a very large bill. It deals with a number of things," said Representative Matt Caldwell.

"A lot of the people who we register tend to be minority voters; they tend to be college kids. You can draw your own conclusions," **said Lydia Galton, with the League of Women Voters in Collier County.**

We spoke to Sharon Harrington, the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, and she says parts of the bill are good, and others will end up costing the county more than budgeted.

"There are some good things in here and there are things that will really end up costing us more money than we're originally budgeted and changing some procedures," she said. "I think it's like 155 pages."

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