MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	April 2, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida legislature to adopt SB 888, the Desline Victor Voting Rights Bill, or similar legislation during the 2013 session

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**

✓ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SB 888, THE DESLINE VICTOR VOTING RIGHTS BILL, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION DURING THE 2013 SESSION

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental right in any democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida requires otherwise eligible citizens to register to vote before they can exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Senator Oscar Braynon, II has introduced SB 888, the Desline Victor Voting Rights Bill, to protect the rights of voters and increase voter registration and participation; and

WHEREAS, SB 888 proposes to amend Florida law to establish greater protections for citizen's voting rights, authorize convicted felons who have served their sentences to preregister to vote, authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to automatically register to vote or update voter registration records of eligible individuals, and authorize voters who moved to a different county in Florida to update their voter registration information at the polls and vote a regular ballot; and

WHEREAS, HB 1259 is the House companion bill to SB 888; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports SB 888 and HB 1259 and desires to urge the Florida Legislature to adopt this legislation protecting voter rights in Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to adopt SB 888, the Desline Victor Voting Rights Bill, HB 1259 or similar legislation during the 2013 session.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation and the Florida Secretary of State.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation and action set forth above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2013 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of April, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Oren Rosenthal