

By the Committee on Election Reform and Representatives
Carlton, Fasano and Feeney

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to restrictions on individuals
3 qualifying for public office; amending s.
4 99.012, F.S.; requiring a subordinate officer,
5 deputy sheriff, or police officer, upon
6 qualifying for public office, to take a leave
7 of absence without pay during the period in
8 which such person is a candidate for office,
9 whether or not the person is required by law to
10 resign; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 99.012, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for
17 public office.--

18 (5) A person who is a subordinate officer, deputy
19 sheriff, or police officer need not resign pursuant to this
20 section unless the person is seeking to qualify for a public
21 office which is currently held by an officer who has authority
22 to appoint, employ, promote, or otherwise supervise that
23 person and who has qualified as a candidate for reelection to
24 that office. However, upon qualifying, a ~~the~~ subordinate
25 officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer must take a leave
26 of absence without pay during the period in which he or she is
27 a candidate for office, whether or not the subordinate
28 officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer is required to
29 resign under this section.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
31 year in which enacted.