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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public officers and
employees; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; requiring
public officers and employees to take a leave
of absence without pay during the period of
their candidacy for public office; providing an
effective date.

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

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

99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for
public office.--

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer, upon qualifying for public office, to take a leave of absence without pay during the period he or she is a candidate, whether or not such person is required to resign under s. 99.012, F.S.