

By Representative Alexander

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to candidates for public  
 3           office; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; requiring a  
 4           subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police  
 5           officer seeking to qualify for a public office  
 6           to resign or take a leave of absence, depending  
 7           on certain circumstances relating to the office  
 8           sought; providing an effective date.

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

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

14           99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for  
 15 public office.--

16           (5)(a) A person who is a subordinate officer, deputy  
 17 sheriff, or police officer must ~~need not~~ resign effective upon  
 18 qualifying if ~~pursuant to this section unless~~ the person is  
 19 seeking to qualify for a public office which is currently held  
 20 by an officer who has authority to appoint, employ, promote,  
 21 or otherwise supervise that person and who has qualified as a  
 22 candidate for reelection to that office.

23           (b) ~~However,~~ Upon qualifying, a ~~the~~ subordinate  
 24 officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer who is seeking to  
 25 qualify for a public office which is not held by an officer  
 26 who has authority to appoint, employ, promote, or otherwise  
 27 supervise that person must take a leave of absence without pay  
 28 during the period in which he or she is a candidate for  
 29 office.

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer seeking to qualify for a public office to resign or take a leave of absence, depending on certain circumstances relating to the office sought. See bill for details.