

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, pursuant to Chapter 99, F.S., if pursuant to this
19 ~~section unless~~ the person is seeking to qualify for a public
20 office which is currently held by an officer who has authority
21 to appoint, employ, promote, or otherwise supervise that
22 person and who has qualified as a candidate for reelection to
23 that office.

24 (b) ~~However,~~ Upon qualifying pursuant to Chapter 99,
25 F.S., a ~~the~~ subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police
26 officer who is seeking public office and who is not required
27 to resign under paragraph (a) must take a leave of absence
28 without pay during the period in which he or she is a
29 candidate for office.

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