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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to candidates for public  
office; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; removing a  
requirement that certain subordinate officers,  
deputy sheriffs, or police officers must take a  
leave of absence without pay during the period  
in which he or she is a candidate 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, 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.~~

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises a provision of law governing restrictions on individuals qualifying for public office to remove the requirement that upon qualifying for public office a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer must take a leave of absence without pay during the period of time in which he or she is a candidate for office.