

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 public office to resign or take
6 a leave of absence, depending on certain
7 circumstances relating to the office sought;
8 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 this chapter if section unless the
19 person is seeking to qualify for a public office that which is
20 currently held by an officer who has authority to appoint,
21 employ, promote, or otherwise supervise that person and who
22 has qualified as a candidate for reelection to that office.

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

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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