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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to candidates for public office; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; requiring 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; 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) A person who is a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer must ~~need not~~ resign effective upon qualifying pursuant to this chapter if section unless the person is seeking to qualify for a public office that ~~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.

(b) ~~However,~~ Upon qualifying pursuant to this chapter, a ~~the~~ subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer who is seeking public office and who is not required to resign under paragraph (a) 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

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.)