39-1115-00   See HB 295

1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to candidates for public

3   office; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; eliminating

4   the requirement that a subordinate officer,

5   deputy sheriff, or police officer who is

6   seeking public office and who is not required

7   to resign to run for that office must, upon

8   qualifying, take a leave of absence without pay

9   during the period of that candidacy; providing

10   an effective date.

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

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14   Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 99.012, Florida

15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16   99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for

17 public office.--

18   (5)(a) A person who is a subordinate officer, deputy

19 sheriff, or police officer must resign effective upon

20 qualifying pursuant to this chapter if the person is seeking

21 to qualify for a public office that is currently held by an

22 officer who has authority to appoint, employ, promote, or

23 otherwise supervise that person and who has qualified as a

24 candidate for reelection to that office.

25   (b) Upon qualifying pursuant to this chapter, a

26 subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer who is

27 seeking public office and who is not required to resign under

28 paragraph (a) must take a leave of absence without pay during

29 the period in which he or she is a candidate for office.

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

31 law.

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2   HOUSE SUMMARY

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