

By Representative Brummer

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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HOUSE SUMMARY

Eliminates the requirement that a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer who is seeking public office and who is not required to resign to run for that office must, upon qualifying, take a leave of absence without pay during the period of that candidacy.