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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.