

By Senator Geller

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to restrictions on the practice
of law; amending s. 454.18, F.S.; deleting
provisions prohibiting a sheriff from
practicing law in this state; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 454.18, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

454.18 Officers not allowed to practice.--~~A No sheriff~~
~~or~~ clerk of any court, or deputy clerk of the court thereof,
may not shall practice in this state, and nor shall any person
who is not of good moral character, or who has been convicted
of an infamous crime is not be entitled to practice. ~~A But no~~
person may not shall be denied the right to practice on
account of gender sex, race, or color. And any person,
whether an attorney or not, or whether within the exceptions
mentioned above or not, may conduct his or her own cause in
any court of this state, or before any public board,
committee, or officer, subject to the lawful rules and
discipline of such court, board, committee, or officer. The
provisions of this section restricting the practice of law by
a ~~sheriff or~~ clerk, or deputy clerk of the court thereof, do
~~shall~~ not apply in a case where such person is representing
the office or agency in the course of duties as an attorney.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Removes provisions from the law which prohibit a sheriff
from practicing law as an attorney in this state.