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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the practice of law;
amending s. 454.18, F.S.; permitting deputy
clerks of court and deputy sheriffs who are
employed less than full time to practice law;
making editorial changes; conforming an
exception; 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.--No sheriff
or clerk of any court, or full-time deputy thereof, shall
practice in this state, nor shall any person not of good moral
character, or who has been convicted of an infamous crime be
entitled to practice. ~~But~~ No person shall be denied the right
to practice on account of 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 full-time deputy thereof, shall not
apply in a case where such person is representing the office
or agency in the course of his or her duties as an attorney.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.