

Bill No. CS for SB 174

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Senator Geller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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. A ~~But no person may not 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, do ~~shall~~ not

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1 apply in a case where such person is representing the office
2 or agency in the course of his or her duties as an attorney.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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6 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 Delete everything before the enacting clause
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10 and insert:

11 A bill to be entitled
12 An act relating to the practice of law;
13 amending s. 454.18, F.S.; prohibiting deputy
14 clerks of the court or deputy sheriffs who are
15 employed full time from practicing law;
16 providing an effective date.
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