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 1                    A bill to be entitled
 2           An act relating to restrictions on the practice
 3           of law; amending s. 454.18, F.S.; clarifying
 4           provisions prohibiting a sheriff or deputy
 5           sheriff from practicing law in this state;
 6           authorizing an attorney to serve with a
 7           sheriff's auxiliary; providing an effective
 8           date.
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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12           Section 1.  Section 454.18, Florida Statutes, is
13   amended to read:
14           454.18  Officers not allowed to practice.--A No sheriff
15   or clerk of the any court, or deputy clerk of the court
16   thereof, may not shall practice law in this state, and nor
17   shall any person who is not of good moral character, or who
18   has been convicted of an infamous crime is not be entitled to
19   practice law. A sheriff or deputy sheriff who is an attorney
20   may not engage in the private practice of law or be a member
21   of a law firm; however, an attorney may serve with a sheriff's
22   auxiliary. A But no person may not shall be denied the right
23   to practice law on account of gender sex, race, or color. And
24   any person, whether an attorney or not, or whether within the
25   exceptions mentioned above or not, may conduct his or her own
26   cause in any court of this state, or before any public board,
27   committee, or officer, subject to the lawful rules and
28   discipline of such court, board, committee, or officer. The
29   provisions of this section restricting the practice of law by
30   a sheriff or clerk, or deputy clerk of the court do thereof,
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1 ~~shall~~ not apply in a case where such person is representing

2 the office or agency in the course of duties as an attorney.

3   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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6   SENATE SUMMARY

7   Prohibits a sheriff or deputy sheriff who is an attorney
     from engaging in the private practice of law or being a
8   member of a law firm. Authorizes an attorney to serve
     with a sheriff's auxiliary.

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