

HB 179

2007

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the practice of law; amending s.
3 454.18, F.S.; permitting deputy clerks of court and deputy
4 sheriffs who are employed less than full time to practice
5 law; making editorial changes; conforming an exception;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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

12 454.18 Officers not allowed to practice.--No sheriff or
13 clerk of any court, or full-time deputy thereof, shall practice
14 in this state, nor shall any person not of good moral character,
15 or who has been convicted of an infamous crime be entitled to
16 practice. ~~But~~ No person shall be denied the right to practice on
17 account of sex, race, or color. ~~And~~ Any person, whether an
18 attorney or not, or whether within the exceptions mentioned
19 above or not, may conduct his or her own cause in any court of
20 this state, or before any public board, committee, or officer,
21 subject to the lawful rules and discipline of such court, board,
22 committee, or officer. The provisions of this section
23 restricting the practice of law by a sheriff or clerk, or full-
24 time deputy thereof, shall not apply in a case where such person
25 is representing the office or agency in the course of his or her
26 duties as an attorney.

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