## Florida Senate - 2007

By Senator Wilson

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                        A bill to be entitled
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           An act relating to elections; amending s.
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           99.092, F.S.; requiring a write-in candidate
          who seeks to qualify for nomination or election
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          to any office to pay a qualifying fee;
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          providing an effective date.
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   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Section 99.092, Florida Statutes, is
    amended to read:
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           99.092 Qualifying fee of candidate; notification of
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    Department of State .--
           (1)(a) Each person seeking to qualify for nomination
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   or election to any office, except a person seeking to qualify
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   by the petition process pursuant to s. 99.095 and except a
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   person seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate, shall pay a
    qualifying fee, which shall consist of a filing fee and
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    election assessment, to the officer with whom the person
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    qualifies, and any party assessment levied, and shall attach
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    the original or signed duplicate of the receipt for his or her
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   party assessment or pay the same, in accordance with the
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   provisions of s. 103.121, at the time of filing his or her
    other qualifying papers. The amount of the filing fee is 3
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   percent of the annual salary of the office. The amount of the
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    election assessment is 1 percent of the annual salary of the
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    office sought. The election assessment shall be deposited into
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    the Elections Commission Trust Fund. The amount of the party
    assessment is 2 percent of the annual salary. The annual
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    salary of the office for purposes of computing the filing fee,
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   election assessment, and party assessment shall be computed by
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1 multiplying 12 times the monthly salary, excluding any special 2 qualification pay, authorized for such office as of July 1 immediately preceding the first day of qualifying. 3 (b) Each person seeking to qualify for nomination or 4 5 election to any office as a write-in candidate, except a 6 person seeking to qualify by the petition process pursuant to 7 s. 99.095, shall pay a qualifying fee that is 3 percent of the 8 annual salary for the office sought. 9 (c) A No qualifying fee may not shall be returned to 10 the candidate unless the candidate withdraws his or her candidacy before the last date to qualify. If a candidate dies 11 12 before prior to an election and has not withdrawn his or her 13 candidacy before the last date to qualify, the candidate's qualifying fee shall be returned to his or her designated 14 beneficiary, and, if the filing fee or any portion thereof has 15 been transferred to the political party of the candidate, the 16 17 Secretary of State shall direct the party to return that 18 portion to the designated beneficiary of the candidate. (2) The supervisor of elections shall, immediately 19 after the last day for qualifying, submit to the Department of 20 21 State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and 2.2 addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they 23 qualified. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 2.4 25 law. 2.6 27 2.8 SENATE SUMMARY 29 Requires a write-in candidate who seeks to qualify for nomination or election to any office to pay a qualifying 30 fee. 31

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