

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Steinberg offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (069089) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 4 and 5, insert:

5 Section 1. Subsections (14) and (15) of section 97.012,  
6 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15) and (16),  
7 respectively, and new subsections (14) and (17) are added to  
8 that section to read:

9 97.012 Secretary of State as chief election officer.--The  
10 Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state,  
11 and it is his or her responsibility to:

12 (14) Provide direction and opinions to the supervisors of  
13 elections on the performance of their official duties with  
14 respect to chapters 97-102 and chapter 105 or rules adopted by  
15 the Department of State.

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16 (17) Be nonpartisan in all decisions and statements. The  
17 secretary may not:

18 (a) Hold an office in or take an active role in any  
19 function of a political organization;

20 (b) Publicly endorse or publicly oppose a candidate for  
21 public office or partisan organization;

22 (c) Take a public position for or against, or participate  
23 in, a campaign to support or oppose the merits of any ballot  
24 initiative or ballot measure, except to act in his or her  
25 official capacity;

26 (d) Make speeches on behalf of a candidate or political  
27 organization;

28 (e) Attend political party functions, except to act in his  
29 or her official capacity; or

30 (f) Solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a  
31 contribution to a political organization or candidate, or  
32 purchase, accept, or distribute tickets for any political party  
33 function.

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35 A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of  
36 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
37 775.083.

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40 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

41 Remove line 304 and insert:

42 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.012, F.S.;

43 expanding the list of responsibilities of the Secretary of State

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44 when acting in his or her capacity as chief election officer;  
45 prohibiting the secretary from performing certain actions;  
46 providing a penalty; amending s. 98.075, F.S.;

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