

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Fitzgerald offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 267-275 and insert:

5 Section 2. 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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41 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

42 Remove line 7 and insert:

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43 officer; prohibiting the secretary from performing certain
44 actions; providing a penalty; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; defining
45 the term

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