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## CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

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Representative Williams, A. offered the following:

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## Amendment to Amendment (005347) (with title amendment)

Between lines 1621 and 1622, insert:

Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

99.021 Form of candidate oath.

(1) (a) 1. Each candidate, whether a party candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate, in order to qualify for nomination or election to any office other than a judicial office as defined in chapter 105 or a federal office, shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in writing. A copy of the oath or affirmation shall be made available to the candidate by the officer before whom such candidate seeks to qualify and shall be substantially in the following form:

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Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared ... (please print name as you wish it to appear on the ballot)..., to me well known, who, being sworn, says that he or she is a candidate for the office of ....; that he or she is a qualified elector of .... County, Florida; that he or she is qualified under the Constitution and the laws of Florida to hold the office to which he or she desires to be nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or she seeks; that he or she has resigned from any office from which he or she is required to resign pursuant to s. 99.012, Florida Statutes; that he or she has no outstanding debt incurred after January 1, 2014, in its final form owed to the Florida Commission on Ethics; and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

...(Signature of candidate)...

...(Address)...

Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of ...., ... (year)..., at .... County, Florida.

 $\dots$  (Signature and title of officer administering oath)  $\dots$ 

2. Each candidate for federal office, whether a party candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate, in order to qualify for nomination or election to office shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in writing. A copy of the oath or affirmation shall be made

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available to the candidate by the officer before whom such candidate seeks to qualify and shall be substantially in the following form:

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County of ....

Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared ...(please print name as you wish it to appear on the ballot)..., to me well known, who, being sworn, says that he or she is a candidate for the office of ....; that he or she is qualified under the Constitution and laws of the United States to hold the office to which he or she desires to be nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or she seeks; and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States.

...(Signature of candidate)...

... (Address) ...

Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of ...., ... (year)..., at .... County, Florida.

- ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath)...
- (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing:
  - 1. The party of which the person is a member.
- 2. That the person has not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of

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qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

- 3. That the person has paid the assessment levied against him or her, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the party of which he or she is a member.
- (c) The officer before whom such person qualifies shall certify the name of such person to the supervisor of elections in each county affected by such candidacy so that the name of such person may be printed on the ballot. Each person seeking election as a write-in candidate shall subscribe to the oath prescribed in this section in order to be entitled to have write-in ballots cast for him or her counted.

## TITLE AMENDMENT

Between lines 1841 and 1842, insert: amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the form of candidate oath of office;