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Senator Polsky moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to House Amendment (107453) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 411 and 412  
5 insert:

6           Section 11. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of  
7 section 99.021, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
8 (d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to  
9 read:

10           99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

11           (1)



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12       (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office  
13 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of  
14 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he  
15 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he  
16 or she has not been a registered member of any political party  
17 for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the  
18 general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

19       Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
20 99.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21       99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to  
22 federal, state, county, or district office.-

23       (7) (a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the  
24 following items must be received by the filing officer by the  
25 end of the qualifying period:

26       1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's  
27 campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed  
28 by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee  
29 required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the  
30 required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s.  
31 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not  
32 required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a  
33 candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the  
34 filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the  
35 candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee  
36 with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign  
37 account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph  
38 shall disqualify the candidate.

39       2. The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must  
40 contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the



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41 ballot; the office sought, including the district or group  
42 number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which  
43 must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s.  
44 92.525(1) (a).

45 3. If the office sought is partisan, the written statement  
46 of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1) (b); or  
47 if the candidate is running without party affiliation for a  
48 partisan office, the written statement required by s.  
49 99.021(1) (c).

50 4. The completed form for the appointment of campaign  
51 treasurer and designation of campaign depository, as required by  
52 s. 106.021.

53 5. The full and public disclosure or statement of financial  
54 interests required by subsection (5). A public officer who has  
55 filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial  
56 interests with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of  
57 elections prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that  
58 disclosure at the time of qualifying.

59 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
60 99.063, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61 99.063 Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.—

62 (2) No later than 5 p.m. of the 9th day following the  
63 primary election, each designated candidate for Lieutenant  
64 Governor shall file with the Department of State:

65 (b) If the office sought is partisan, the written statement  
66 of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1) (b); or  
67 if the office sought is without party affiliation, the written  
68 statement required by s. 99.021(1) (c).

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70 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

71 And the title is amended as follows:

72       Between lines 1225 and 1226

73 insert:

74       amending s. 99.021, F.S.; requiring a person seeking  
75       to qualify for office as a candidate with no party  
76       affiliation to subscribe to an oath or affirmation  
77       that he or she is registered without party affiliation  
78       and has not been a registered member of a political  
79       party for a specified timeframe; amending ss. 99.061  
80       and 99.063, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes  
81       made by the act;