

By Senator Collins

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the form of candidate oath;
3 amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the address that
4 certain candidates must provide on the form of
5 candidate oath; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
10 99.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

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

21 State of Florida
22 County of....

23 Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
24 personally appeared ... (please print name as you wish it to
25 appear on the ballot) ..., to me well known, who, being sworn,
26 says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that
27 he or she is a qualified elector of County, Florida; that
28 he or she is qualified under the Constitution and the laws of
29 Florida to hold the office to which he or she desires to be

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30 nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no other
 31 public office in the state, the term of which office or any part
 32 thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or she seeks;
 33 that he or she has resigned from any office from which he or she
 34 is required to resign pursuant to s. 99.012, Florida Statutes;
 35 and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United
 36 States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

37 ... (Signature of candidate)...

38 ... (Address of legal residence)...

39 Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of,

40 ... (year) ..., at County, Florida.

41 ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath)...

42 2. Each candidate for federal office, whether a party
 43 candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in
 44 candidate, in order to qualify for nomination or election to
 45 office shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in
 46 writing. A copy of the oath or affirmation shall be made
 47 available to the candidate by the officer before whom such
 48 candidate seeks to qualify and shall be substantially in the
 49 following form:

50 State of Florida

51 County of

52 Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
 53 personally appeared ... (please print name as you wish it to
 54 appear on the ballot) ..., to me well known, who, being sworn,
 55 says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that
 56 he or she is qualified under the Constitution and laws of the
 57 United States to hold the office to which he or she desires to
 58 be nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no

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59 other public office in the state, the term of which office or
60 any part thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or
61 she seeks; and that he or she will support the Constitution of
62 the United States.

63 ... (Signature of candidate) ...

64 ... (Address) ...

65 Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of,

66 ...(year) ..., at County, Florida.

67 ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath) ...

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.