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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; amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising
6 the address that judicial candidates must provide on
7 the form of candidate oath; providing an effective
8 date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
13 99.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

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

24 State of Florida

25 County of....

26 Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
27 personally appeared ... (please print name as you wish it to
28 appear on the ballot) ..., to me well known, who, being sworn,
29 says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that

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

40 ... (Signature of candidate)...

41 ... (Address of legal residence)...

42 Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of,

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

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

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

53 State of Florida

54 County of

55 Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
56 personally appeared ...(please print name as you wish it to
57 appear on the ballot)...., to me well known, who, being sworn,
58 says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that

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88 says he or she: is a candidate for the judicial office of;
89 that his or her legal residence is County, Florida; that he
90 or she is a qualified elector of the state and of the
91 territorial jurisdiction of the court to which he or she seeks
92 election; that he or she is qualified under the constitution and
93 laws of Florida to hold the judicial office to which he or she
94 desires to be elected or in which he or she desires to be
95 retained; that he or she has qualified for no other public
96 office in the state, the term of which office or any part
97 thereof runs concurrent to the office he or she seeks; that he
98 or she has resigned from any office which he or she is required
99 to resign pursuant to s. 99.012, Florida Statutes; and that he
100 or she will support the Constitution of the United States and
101 the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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103 ... (Signature of candidate) ...

104 ... (Address of legal residence) ...

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

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

110 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.