

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to candidate qualification; creating  
 3           s. 99.013, F.S.; providing eligibility requirements  
 4           for persons seeking to qualify for nomination as  
 5           candidates of a political party or as candidates with  
 6           no party affiliation; providing that certain entities  
 7           may bring an action for declaratory and injunctive  
 8           relief based on a certain claim; prohibiting a person  
 9           from qualifying as a candidate for election and  
 10          prohibiting his or her name from appearing on the  
 11          ballot under certain circumstances; providing an  
 12          effective date.

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 14   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16           **Section 1. Section 99.013, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
 17   **read:**

18           99.013 Eligibility to qualify for nomination as a  
 19   candidate of a political party or candidate with no party  
 20   affiliation.-

21           (1) (a) A person seeking to qualify for nomination as a  
 22   candidate of a political party must have been a registered  
 23   member of the political party for which the person is seeking  
 24   nomination as a candidate for at least 365 days before the  
 25   beginning of the qualifying period preceding the general

26 election for which the person seeks to qualify.

27 (b) A person seeking to qualify for nomination as a  
28 candidate with no party affiliation must be registered without  
29 any party affiliation and may not have been a registered member  
30 of any political party for at least 365 days before the  
31 beginning of the qualifying period preceding the general  
32 election for which the person seeks to qualify.

33 (2) A political party, in addition to any other person or  
34 entity with standing, may bring an action for declaratory and  
35 injunctive relief based on a claim that a person seeking to  
36 qualify for nomination as a candidate of such political party or  
37 as a candidate with no party affiliation did not comply with  
38 this section.

39 (3) If a final judgment of a circuit court determines that  
40 a person did not comply with this section, the person may not be  
41 qualified as a candidate for election and his or her name may  
42 not appear on the ballot.

43 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.