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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Arrington) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 23 - 41
and insert:
nomination as a candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding the beginning of the qualifying period before the general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

(b) A person seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate with no party affiliation must be registered without any party affiliation and may not have been a registered member



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11 of any political party for at least 365 consecutive days
12 preceding the beginning of the qualifying period before the
13 general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

14 (2) A political party or other candidate for the office
15 sought may bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief
16 based on a claim that a person seeking to qualify for nomination
17 as a candidate of such political party or as a candidate with no
18 party affiliation did not comply with this section.

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

23 Section 2. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of
24 section 99.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

26 (1)

27 (b) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for
28 nomination as a candidate of any political party shall, at the
29 time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in
30 writing:

31 1. The party of which the person is a member.

32 2. That the person has been a registered member of the
33 political party for which he or she is seeking nomination as a
34 candidate for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the
35 beginning of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election
36 for which the person seeks to qualify.

37 3. That the person has paid the assessment levied against
38 him or her, if any, as a candidate for said office by the
39 executive committee of the party of which he or she is a member.



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40 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office
41 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of
42 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he
43 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he
44 or she has not been a registered member of any political party
45 for at least 365 consecutive days preceding ~~before~~ the beginning
46 of qualifying before ~~preceding~~ the general election for which
47 the person seeks to qualify.

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

49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete line 11

51 and insert:

52 ballot under certain circumstances; amending s.
53 99.021, F.S.; specifying that a person seeking to
54 qualify for office as a candidate must be a registered
55 member of a political party, or registered without any
56 party affiliation, for 365 consecutive days preceding
57 the beginning of qualifying for an election; providing
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