

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to county constitutional officers;  
 3           amending s. 100.041, F.S.; revising when the term of  
 4           office for certain elected offices commences;  
 5           authorizing certain officers-elect to have access to  
 6           specified facilities; defining the term "access to all  
 7           facilities"; amending s. 129.06 and 195.087, F.S.;  
 8           revising when specified officers must abide by certain  
 9           limitations related to approved budgets; providing an  
 10          effective date.

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

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14           **Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 100.041,**  
 15 **Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (5) and (6) are**  
 16 **added to that section to read:**

17           100.041 Officers chosen at general election; officer-elect  
 18 access to facilities.-

19           (1) State senators shall be elected for terms of 4 years,  
 20 those from odd-numbered districts in each year the number of  
 21 which is a multiple of 4 and those from even-numbered districts  
 22 in each even-numbered year the number of which is not a multiple  
 23 of 4. Members of the House of Representatives shall be elected  
 24 for terms of 2 years in each even-numbered year. In each county,  
 25 a clerk of the circuit court, sheriff, superintendent of

26 | schools, property appraiser, and tax collector shall be chosen  
27 | by the qualified electors at the general election in each year  
28 | the number of which is a multiple of 4. The Governor and the  
29 | administrative officers of the executive branch of the state  
30 | shall be elected for terms of 4 years in each even-numbered year  
31 | the number of which is not a multiple of 4. Except as provided  
32 | in subsection (5), the terms of state offices other than the  
33 | terms of members of the Legislature shall begin on the first  
34 | Tuesday after the first Monday in January after said election.  
35 | The term of office of each member of the Legislature shall begin  
36 | upon election.

37 | (4) The term of office of each county and each district  
38 | officer not otherwise provided by law shall commence on the  
39 | second ~~first~~ Tuesday after ~~the first Monday in January following~~  
40 | his or her election.

41 | (5) The term of office for a clerk of the circuit court,  
42 | sheriff, superintendent of schools, property appraiser, and tax  
43 | collector shall commence on the first Tuesday in December.

44 | (6) A county constitutional officer-elect shall be granted  
45 | full access to all facilities owned by the constitutional office  
46 | to on the next business day after the officer-elect receives his  
47 | or her certificate of election from the supervisor of elections.  
48 | For the purposes of this section, the term "access to all  
49 | facilities" includes copies of keys or access cards necessary  
50 | for the officer-elect to begin the transition process.

51           **Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 129.06, Florida**  
 52 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

53           129.06 Execution and amendment of budget.—

54           (5) (a) Any county constitutional officer whose budget is  
 55 approved by the board of county commissioners, ~~who has not been~~  
 56 ~~reelected to office or is not seeking reelection,~~ shall be  
 57 prohibited from making any budget amendments, transferring funds  
 58 between itemized appropriations, or expending in a single month  
 59 more than one-twelfth of any itemized approved appropriation,  
 60 following the date he or she is eliminated as a candidate ~~or~~  
 61 ~~October 1, whichever comes later,~~ without approval of the board  
 62 of county commissioners.

63           (b) Any county constitutional officer whose budget is  
 64 approved by the board of county commissioners and who is not  
 65 seeking reelection shall be prohibited from making any budget  
 66 amendments, transferring funds between itemized appropriations,  
 67 or expending in a single month more than one-twelfth of any  
 68 itemized approved appropriation on or after October 1 of the  
 69 year in which the election is held without approval of the board  
 70 of county commissioners.

71           **Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 195.087, Florida**  
 72 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

73           195.087 Property appraisers and tax collectors to submit  
 74 budgets to Department of Revenue.—

75           (5) (a) Any property appraiser or tax collector whose

76 budget is approved by the Department of Revenue who has not been  
77 reelected to office ~~or is not seeking reelection~~ shall be  
78 prohibited from making any budget amendments, transferring funds  
79 between itemized appropriations, or expending in a single month  
80 more than one-twelfth of any itemized approved appropriation  
81 following the date he or she is eliminated as a candidate ~~on~~  
82 ~~October 1, whichever comes later,~~ without the approval of the  
83 Department of Revenue.

84 (b) Any property appraiser or tax collector whose budget  
85 is approved by the Department of Revenue and who is not seeking  
86 reelection shall be prohibited from making any budget  
87 amendments, transferring funds between itemized appropriations,  
88 or expending in a single month more than one-twelfth of any  
89 itemized approved appropriation on or after October 1 of the  
90 year in which the election is held without the approval of the  
91 Department of Revenue.

92 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.