

CHAPTER 99-146

House Bill No. 125

An act relating to candidates for public office; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; requiring a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer seeking public office to resign or take a leave of absence, depending on certain circumstances relating to the office sought; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 99.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public office.—

(5)(a) A person who is a subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer ~~must need not resign effective upon qualifying pursuant to this chapter if section unless~~ the person is seeking to qualify for a public office that which is currently held by an officer who has authority to appoint, employ, promote, or otherwise supervise that person and who has qualified as a candidate for reelection to that office.

(b) ~~However,~~ Upon qualifying pursuant to this chapter, a the subordinate officer, deputy sheriff, or police officer who is seeking public office and who is not required to resign under paragraph (a) must take a leave of absence without pay during the period in which he or she is a candidate for office.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 11, 1999.

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