

CHAPTER 2023-46

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 666

An act relating to the form of candidate oath; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the address that certain candidates must provide on the form of candidate oath; amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising the address that judicial candidates must provide on the form of candidate oath; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 99.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

99.021 Form of candidate oath.—

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

State of Florida

County of.....

Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared ...(please print name as you wish it to appear on the ballot)..., to me well known, who, being sworn, says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that he or she is a qualified elector of County, Florida; that he or she is qualified under the Constitution and the laws of Florida to hold the office to which he or she desires to be nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or she seeks; that he or she has resigned from any office from which he or she is required to resign pursuant to s. 99.012, Florida Statutes; and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

...(Signature of candidate)...

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

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

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

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

State of Florida

County of

Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared ...(please print name as you wish it to appear on the ballot)..., to me well known, who, being sworn, says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that he or she is qualified under the Constitution and laws of the United States to hold the office to which he or she desires to be nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or she seeks; and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States.

...(Signature of candidate)...

...(Address)...

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

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

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 105.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

105.031 Qualification; filing fee; candidate’s oath; items required to be filed.—

(4) CANDIDATE’S OATH.—

(b) All candidates for judicial office shall subscribe to an oath or affirmation in writing to be filed with the appropriate qualifying officer upon qualifying. A printed copy of the oath or affirmation shall be furnished to the candidate by the qualifying officer and shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Florida

County of

Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared ... (please print name as you wish it to appear on the ballot) ..., to me well known, who, being sworn, says he or she: is a candidate for the judicial office of; that his or her legal residence is County, Florida; that he or she is a qualified elector of the state and of the territorial jurisdiction of the court to which he or she seeks election; that he or she is qualified under the constitution and laws of Florida to hold the judicial office to which he or she desires to be elected or in which he or she desires to be retained; that he or she has qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent to the office he or she seeks; that he or she has resigned from any office which he or she is required to resign pursuant to s. 99.012, Florida Statutes; and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

...(Signature of candidate)...

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2023.

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