

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Ethics and Elections

CS/HB 91 — Candidate Qualification

by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Tant and others (CS/SB 62 by Ethics and Elections Committee and Senators Arrington, Osgood, Berman, and Hooper)

CS/HB 91 provides that a competing candidate for office, or a competing political party, may have a person disqualified and thus removed from the ballot if the person falsely states in the qualifying papers that he or she:

- Has been a registered member of the political party for which the person is seeking 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;
- Has been registered without any party affiliation and has not been a registered member of any political party for at least 365 consecutive days preceding the beginning of the qualifying period before the general election for which the person seeks to qualify; or
- Has not legally changed his or her name through a petition pursuant to s. 68.07, F.S., during the 365-day period preceding the beginning of qualifying. A change of name in proceedings for dissolution of marriage, adoption, or marriage is not disqualifying.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0