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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Rules (Farmer and Mayfield) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (262784) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 388 and 389
5 insert:

6 Section 9. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of
7 section 99.021, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
8 (d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to
9 read:

10 99.021 Form of candidate oath.—



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11 (1)

12 (c) In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office
13 as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of
14 subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he
15 or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he
16 or she has not been a registered member of any political party
17 for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the
18 general election for which the person seeks to qualify.

19 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
20 99.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to
22 federal, state, county, or district office.—

23 (7) (a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the
24 following items must be received by the filing officer by the
25 end of the qualifying period:

26 1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's
27 campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed
28 by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee
29 required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the
30 required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s.
31 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not
32 required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a
33 candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the
34 filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the
35 candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee
36 with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign
37 account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph
38 shall disqualify the candidate.

39 2. The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must



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40 contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the
41 ballot; the office sought, including the district or group
42 number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which
43 must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s.
44 92.525(1) (a).

45 3. If the office sought is partisan, the written statement
46 of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1) (b); or
47 if the candidate is running without party affiliation for a
48 partisan office, the written statement required by s.
49 99.021(1) (c).

50 4. The completed form for the appointment of campaign
51 treasurer and designation of campaign depository, as required by
52 s. 106.021.

53 5. The full and public disclosure or statement of financial
54 interests required by subsection (5). A public officer who has
55 filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial
56 interests with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of
57 elections prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that
58 disclosure at the time of qualifying.

59 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
60 99.063, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61 99.063 Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.—

62 (2) No later than 5 p.m. of the 9th day following the
63 primary election, each designated candidate for Lieutenant
64 Governor shall file with the Department of State:

65 (b) If the office sought is partisan, the written statement
66 of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1) (b); or
67 if the office sought is without party affiliation, the written
68 statement required by s. 99.021(1) (c).



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 946

and insert:

dashboard on its website using such data; amending s.
99.021, F.S.; requiring a person seeking to qualify
for office as a candidate with no party affiliation to
subscribe to an oath or affirmation that he or she is
registered without party affiliation and has not been
a registered member of a political party for a
specified timeframe; amending ss. 99.061 and 99.063,
F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
act; creating s.