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

Senate Amendment to Amendment (262784) (with title amendment)

Between lines 388 and 389 insert:

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

99.021 Form of candidate oath.—
(1)

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

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

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

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

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

2. The candidate’s oath required by s. 99.021, which must
contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the
ballot; the office sought, including the district or group
number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which
must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s.
92.525(1)(a).

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

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

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

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

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

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