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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the form of candidate oath;
3	amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the address that
4	certain candidates must provide on the form of
5	candidate oath; providing an effective date.
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7	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
10	99.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
11	99.021 Form of candidate oath
12	(1)(a)1. Each candidate, whether a party candidate, a
13	candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate, in
14	order to qualify for nomination or election to any office other
15	than a judicial office as defined in chapter 105 or a federal
16	office, shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in
17	writing. A copy of the oath or affirmation shall be made
18	available to the candidate by the officer before whom such
19	candidate seeks to qualify and shall be substantially in the
20	following form:
21	State of Florida
22	County of
23	Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
24	personally appeared(please print name as you wish it to
25	appear on the ballot), to me well known, who, being sworn,
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26 says that he or she is a candidate for the office of; that 27 he or she is a qualified elector of County, Florida; that 28 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 29 30 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 31 32 thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or she seeks; 33 that he or she has resigned from any office from which he or she 34 is required to resign pursuant to s. 99.012, Florida Statutes; and that he or she will support the Constitution of the United 35 36 States and the Constitution of the State of Florida. 37 ... (Signature of candidate) ... 38 ... (Address of legal residence)... 39 Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of, 40 ... (year) ..., at County, Florida. 41 ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath)... 2. Each candidate for federal office, whether a party 42 43 candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in 44 candidate, in order to qualify for nomination or election to 45 office shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in 46 writing. A copy of the oath or affirmation shall be made 47 available to the candidate by the officer before whom such 48 candidate seeks to qualify and shall be substantially in the 49 following form: State of Florida 50

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51	County of
52	Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
53	personally appeared (please print name as you wish it to
54	appear on the ballot), to me well known, who, being sworn,
55	says that he or she is a candidate for the office of \ldots ; that
56	he or she is qualified under the Constitution and laws of the
57	United States to hold the office to which he or she desires to
58	be nominated or elected; that he or she has qualified for no
59	other public office in the state, the term of which office or
60	any part thereof runs concurrent with that of the office he or
61	she seeks; and that he or she will support the Constitution of
62	the United States.
63	(Signature of candidate)
64	(Address)
65	Sworn to and subscribed before me this \ldots day of \ldots ,
66	(year), at County, Florida.
67	(Signature and title of officer administering oath)
68	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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