

By Senator Avila

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to security for statewide
constitutional office candidates; creating s. 99.122,
F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to
provide certain candidates with a protective security
detail for a specified time period; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 99.122, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

99.122 Protective security detail for nominees and
officers-elect.—

(1) Immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the
Elections Canvassing Commission certifying the results of the
primary election under s. 102.111, the Department of Law
Enforcement must provide a protective security detail to all
nominees of a political party, other than the nominees of a
minor political party, to the following offices:

(a) The Governor.

(b) The Lieutenant Governor.

(c) A cabinet officer.

(2) The protective security detail must be provided
immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Elections
Canvassing Commission certifying the results of the primary
election under s. 102.111 until the relevant nominee concedes
the general election or upon adjournment of the meeting of the
Elections Canvassing Commission certifying the results of the

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30 general election under s. 102.111, whichever is earlier. The
31 Department of Law Enforcement must continue to provide a
32 protective security detail to the officers-elect until the
33 officers-elect assume office.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.