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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Pizzo moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 158 and 159

insert:

Section 4. Effective upon becoming a law, section 99.0211, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

99.0211 Challenging candidacy.—

(1) A person who becomes a candidate must ensure that he or she will satisfy all statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office for which he or she is seeking nomination or election.



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12 (2) A candidate or a political party with a candidate in
13 the same race may challenge a candidate's compliance with
14 subsection (1) by filing an action for declaratory and
15 injunctive relief in the circuit court for the county in which
16 the filing officer is headquartered.

17 (3) A person may not be qualified as a candidate for
18 nomination or election, and his or her name may not appear on
19 the ballot, if, in an order that has become final, the court
20 determines that the candidate will not, at the time of
21 qualification or election, as applicable, satisfy all statutory
22 and constitutional qualifications for the office for which he or
23 she is seeking nomination or election.

24 (4) A candidate or political party bringing an action for
25 declaratory and injunctive relief under subsection (2) is
26 entitled to an expedited final hearing, and any appeal of a
27 final hearing shall receive expedited consideration by the
28 appellate court. Upon a final order of the circuit court which
29 contains the determination under subsection (3), the supervisor
30 of elections in each county affected by such candidacy shall
31 remove the name of the candidate from the ballot, or if the
32 ballots have already been printed, include a notice with each
33 vote-by-mail ballot, and post a notice at each early voting
34 location and polling precinct, stating that a vote for such
35 candidate will not be counted.

36 Section 5. Effective upon becoming a law, present
37 subsections (2) and (3) of section 104.011, Florida Statutes,
38 are redesignated as subsections (3) and (4), respectively, and a
39 new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

40 104.011 False swearing; submission of false voter



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41 registration information; prosecution prohibited.-

42 (2) A person who willfully submits false information in
43 connection with s. 99.021 or s. 99.061(7) commits a felony of
44 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
45 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Delete line 11

50 and insert:

51 board; creating s. 99.0211, F.S.; requiring specified
52 persons to ensure they satisfy statutory and
53 constitutional qualifications for office; authorizing
54 certain candidates and political parties to challenge
55 compliance with such qualifications in a specified
56 manner; providing that a person may not qualify as a
57 candidate and appear on the ballot if the court makes
58 a certain determination; providing that candidates and
59 political parties challenging compliance are entitled
60 to expedited proceedings; requiring supervisors of
61 elections to remove the names of certain candidates
62 from the ballot and provide a certain notice to
63 voters; amending s. 104.011, F.S.; providing criminal
64 penalties for a person who willfully submits false
65 information in connection with specified provisions;
66 reenacting s. 99.012(1)(b), F.S., relating to