

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

.

Representative Tant offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 19 and 20, insert:

Section 1. Subsections (5) through (8) of section 99.012, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (9), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section to read:

99.012 Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public office.—

(5) A person may not qualify as a candidate for public office, whether federal, state, district, county, or municipal,

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13

384943

Approved For Filing: 2/20/2026 3:52:45 PM

Amendment No.

14 | if he or she has legally changed his or her name through a
 15 | petition pursuant to s. 68.07 during the 365-day period
 16 | preceding the beginning of qualifying. This subsection does not
 17 | apply to any change of name in proceedings for dissolution of
 18 | marriage or adoption of children or based on a change of name
 19 | conducted with a marriage certificate.

20 |
 21 | -----

T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Between lines 2 and 3, insert:

24 | s. 99.012, F.S.; prohibiting a person from qualifying
 25 | for specified public office if he or she has changed
 26 | his or her name within a specified timeframe;
 27 | providing applicability; amending