

(2) Qualifying of candidates:

(a) Candidates shall qualify from noon of the 63rd day through noon of the 49th day prior to the election.

(b) Methods of qualifying shall be uniform pursuant to s. 99.092, Florida Statutes.

(c) Candidates shall be required to open depositories and appoint treasurers prior to accepting any contributions or expending any funds; provided that where a candidate accepts no contributions and does no advertising and the only expenditure is the filing fee or the fee required for checking signatures, the candidate shall not be required to open depositories or appoint a treasurer.

(3) Vacancies on boards shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the term; copies of all resignations or vacancies and appointments to be sent to the supervisor of elections.

Section 2. The members of the hospital board of directors currently elected from odd-numbered county commission districts shall hold office until midnight December 31, 1984, and their successors shall have been elected at the general election on a nonpartisan basis, in November 1984, and shall take office January 1, 1985. The members of the hospital board of directors currently elected from even-numbered county commission districts shall hold office until midnight December 31, 1983, and their successors shall have been elected at a special district election pursuant to the provisions of chapter 81-414, Laws of Florida, on a nonpartisan basis in November 1983 and shall take office January 1, 1984. The terms of office for those directors elected in November 1983 shall expire at midnight December 31, 1986, and their successors shall have been elected at the general election in November 1986 on a nonpartisan basis and shall take office January 1, 1987. Thereafter, each member of the board of hospital directors shall be elected at the general election on a nonpartisan basis and his term shall be 4 years.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

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CHAPTER 83-455

House Bill No. 1337

An act relating to Lee County; providing that the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County may assume responsibility for the debts and obligations of the East Mulloch Drainage District and for the operation and maintenance of drainage control structures and systems of the district; providing for the repeal of chapters 63-930 and 65-912, Laws of Florida, and for the abolition of the district upon the assumption of such responsibility; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Chapters 63-930 and 65-912, Laws of Florida, shall stand repealed and the East Mulloch Drainage District shall be abolished upon the adoption of an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County whereby the board assumes responsibility for debts and obligations of the district, if any, and for the operation and maintenance of the drainage control structures and systems of the district, or upon the creation of a municipal service taxing unit which assumes such responsibility.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

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CHAPTER 83-456

Senate Bill No. 906

An act relating to Leon County; providing permanent status for certain employees of the Leon County Sheriff; specifying rights of employees; providing procedures for appeal of disciplinary actions and complaints against employees; providing for the appointment of boards to hear appeals and procedures with respect thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Employees of Leon County Sheriff; applicability of act; permanent status of employees; administration.--

(1) APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act shall apply to all commissioned and noncommissioned persons in the employ of the Office of the Leon County Sheriff, including deputy sheriffs. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the Sheriff; or to special deputy sheriffs appointed pursuant to s. 30.09(4), Florida Statutes, members of the Sheriff's Posse or Reserve Unit, and individuals appointed as part-time deputy sheriffs, as defined by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, unless any such person is also employed full-time by the Office of the Sheriff. As used in this act, the terms "employee," "employ," and "employment" shall refer to all persons, whether employed or appointed, to whom the act applies. It is not, however, the intent of this act to grant the right of collective bargaining to persons in the employ of the Office of the Leon County Sheriff who do not otherwise have that right pursuant to law.

(2) PERMANENT STATUS; CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL.--

(a) After an employee of the Sheriff to whom the provisions of this act apply has served in such employment for a period of 1 calendar year, such employee shall have attained permanent status in the Office of the Sheriff; provided that if an employee is placed on disciplinary probation for a period of 6 months or more or is terminated and rehired at a later date, said employee shall be required to complete 1 calendar year of service from the date of the action before being granted the right of appeal provided in Section 2. Any employee who is required to serve a probationary period