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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – State House Representative Matt Willhite (D-Wellington) files legislation related to Candidate Qualifying and Campaign Expenditures. [HB 1365](#), along with its senate companion [SB 1756](#) by State Senator Shevrin Jones (D-Miami Gardens), aims to modify the requirements for candidates looking to qualify for elected office by prohibiting candidates who owe certain fines or are under investigation by the Commission on Ethics from qualifying for office.

“When you hold public office, the public puts its trust in you. As public officials, we have a responsibility to the voters that put us in office. Those same voters that put us in office trust that we be good stewards of their resources,” said **Representative Willhite**. “Nonetheless, even some of the most informed voters don’t have the time to scan through the intricate details of campaign finance reports. By just being on the ballot, they assume that we have done everything properly to get there.”

“Voters deserve transparency and accountability in government, and those running for office have a responsibility to rebuild and uphold public trust,” said **Senator Jones**. “This bill is an important step in reforming a system that's enabled special interests to game the system in their favor and further stack the deck against real people.”

“The decisions we make can effect local municipalities and statewide budgets,” added **Representative Willhite**. “If we have to make those important decisions, it isn’t too much to ask that we properly take care of our campaign expenditures as well.”

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