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**Designation Of Office By Candidate
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, 1977**

To: Honorable Linda Mills, Supervisor of Elections, Lafayette County, Mayo, Florida 32066

Prepared by: Division of Elections

You have directed the attention of the Division to Section 106.021(l)(a), F.S., effective January 1, 1978, which in pertinent part provides:

. . . Each candidate shall at the same time he designates his campaign depository and appoints his treasurer also designate the office for which he is a candidate....

In this respect, you have asked for an official opinion pursuant to Section 106.23, F.S., as to whether a candidate who appointed a treasurer and designated a depository in 1977 is required, on January 1, 1978 (the effective date of the Florida Election Code of 1977) to "designate the office for which he is a candidate"?

Your question is answered in the affirmative.

The Legislative debates, taken together with the proposals advanced to the Legislature by the Division of Elections and Supervisors and Legislative committee staffs, it establishes beyond cabil that the Legislature intended that upon the effective date of the Florida Election Code, if not sooner, each candidate for public office shall have designated the office for which he is a candidate.

The Division of Elections and the several Supervisors of Elections should have received such designations by the close of business January 1, 1978 or, in the case of those candidates who thereafter qualify or appoint treasurer's and designate depositories, immediately upon such qualification or appointment and designation.