IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL FIRST DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

W. LOWELL BRAY, JR., et al.,

Appellants,

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE MOTION FOR REHEARING AND DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

v.

CASE NO. 1D11-5548

KEN DETZNER, as Secretary of State of Florida,

Appellee.

Opinion filed November 16, 2012.

An appeal from the Circuit Court for Leon County. Terry P. Lewis, Judge.

Joseph W. Little, Gainesville, for Appellants.

Daniel E. Nordby, General Counsel, and Ashley E. Davis, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

Appellants raise several challenges to the constitutionality of qualifying fees for unopposed judicial candidates. <u>See</u> § 105.031, Fla. Stat. We reject those arguments. We write to specify that in considering appellants' equal protection

claims under the Florida Constitution, we apply the rational basis test. <u>See Adams</u> v. Askew, 511 F.2d 700 (5th Cir. 1975).

AFFIRMED.

WOLF, VAN NORTWICK, and LEWIS, JJ., CONCUR.