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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to campaign financing; creating s.
3	106.113, F.S.; defining the terms "local government" and
4	"public funds"; prohibiting a local government from
5	expending, and a person or group from accepting, public
6	funds for a political advertisement or electioneering
7	communication concerning an issue, referendum, or
8	amendment that is subject to the vote of the electors;
9	providing an exception for certain electioneering
10	communications; clarifying restrictions with respect to
11	local officials; providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 106.113, Florida Statutes, is created
16	to read:
17	106.113 Expenditures by local governments
18	(1) As used in this section, the term:
19	(a) "Local government" means:
20	1. A county, municipality, school district, or other
21	political subdivision in this state; and
22	2. Any department, agency, board, bureau, district,
23	commission, authority, or similar body of a county,
24	municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of
25	this state.
26	(b) "Public funds" means all moneys under the jurisdiction
27	or control of the local government.
28	(2) A local government or a person acting on behalf of

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local government may not expend or authorize the expenditure of,
and a person or group may not accept, public funds for a
political advertisement or electioneering communication
concerning an issue, referendum, or amendment that is subject to
a vote of the electors. This subsection does not apply to an
electioneering communication from a local government or a person
acting on behalf of a local government which is limited to
factual information.

- (3) With the exception of the prohibitions specified in subsection (2), this section does not preclude an elected official of the local government from expressing an opinion on any issue at any time.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.