

By Senator Flores

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to political party executive committee
3 candidates; amending ss. 97.021 and 106.011, F.S.;
4 revising the definition of the term "candidate" to
5 include a candidate for a political party executive
6 committee; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 97.021, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
13 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

14 (5) "Candidate" means any person to whom any one or more of
15 the following applies:

16 (a) Any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or
17 election by means of the petitioning process.

18 (b) Any person who seeks to qualify for election as a
19 write-in candidate.

20 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes
21 expenditures, or gives his or her consent for any other person
22 to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to
23 bringing about his or her nomination or election to, or
24 retention in, public office.

25 (d) Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a
26 primary depository.

27 (e) Any person who files qualification papers and
28 subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.
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30 ~~However, this definition does not include any candidate for a~~
31 ~~political party executive committee.~~

32 Section 2. Subsection (16) of section 106.011, Florida
33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 106.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the following
35 terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly
36 indicates otherwise:

37 (16) "Candidate" means any person to whom any one or more
38 of the following apply:

39 (a) Any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or
40 election by means of the petitioning process.

41 (b) Any person who seeks to qualify for election as a
42 write-in candidate.

43 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes
44 expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive
45 contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about
46 his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public
47 office.

48 (d) Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a
49 primary depository.

50 (e) Any person who files qualification papers and
51 subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

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53 ~~However, this definition does not include any candidate for a~~
54 ~~political party executive committee.~~ Expenditures related to
55 potential candidate polls as provided in s. 106.17 are not
56 contributions or expenditures for purposes of this subsection.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.