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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to elections; amending s.
106.17, F.S.; prohibiting state agencies and
certain other governmental entities from
soliciting pledges or authorizing or conducting
polls or surveys relating to candidacies for
public office; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 106.17, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

106.17 Polls and surveys relating to candidacies;
prohibitions.--

(1) Any candidate, political committee, or state or
county executive committee of a political party may authorize
or conduct a political poll, survey, index, or measurement of
any kind relating to candidacy for public office so long as
the candidate, political committee, or political party
maintains complete jurisdiction over the poll in all its
aspects.

(2) A state agency may not solicit any pledge or
authorize or conduct any political poll, survey, index, or
measurement of any kind for the purpose of evaluating or
rating any candidate for public office. As used in this
subsection, the term "state agency" means any official,
officer, commission, authority, council, committee,
department, division, bureau, board, section, or other unit or
entity of the executive branch of state government or adjunct
or advisory thereto or any other unit of government which
receives the majority of its funding from the state.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits state agencies and their subdivisions and adjunct or advisory bodies, and any other units of government which receive the majority of their funding from the state, from soliciting any pledge or authorizing or conducting any political poll, survey, index, or measurement of any kind for the purpose of evaluating or rating any candidate for public office.