

By Representative Putnam

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elections; amending s.
3 106.17, F.S.; prohibiting state agencies and
4 certain other governmental entities from
5 soliciting pledges or authorizing or conducting
6 polls or surveys relating to candidacies for
7 public office; providing an effective date.

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

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

13 106.17 Polls and surveys relating to candidacies;
14 prohibitions.--

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

22 (2) A state agency may not solicit any pledge or
23 authorize or conduct any political poll, survey, index, or
24 measurement of any kind for the purpose of evaluating or
25 rating any candidate for public office. For the purpose of
26 this subsection, "state agency" means any official, officer,
27 commission, authority, council, committee, department,
28 division, bureau, board, section, or other unit or entity of
29 the executive branch of state government or adjunct or
30 advisory thereto or any other unit of government that receives
31 the majority of its funding from the state.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Prohibits any state agency and its subdivisions and adjunct or advisory bodies, and any other unit of government that receives the majority of its 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.