

By Senator Geller

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to elections; amending s. 106.021, F.S.; providing a limitation on direct expenditures by political committees and political parties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 106.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.021 Campaign treasurers; deputies; primary and secondary depositories.--

(3) Except for independent expenditures, no contribution or expenditure, including contributions or expenditures of a candidate or of the candidate's family, shall be directly or indirectly made or received in furtherance of the candidacy of any person for nomination or election to political office in the state or on behalf of any political committee except through the duly appointed campaign treasurer of the candidate or political committee. However, expenditures may be made directly by any political committee or political party regulated by chapter 103 for obtaining time, space, or services in or by any communications medium for the purpose of jointly endorsing three or more candidates, and any such expenditure that is used to endorse candidates in elections to be held on the same day and which allocates no more than twice the time, space, or service to any candidate compared to any other candidate being endorsed shall not be considered a contribution or expenditure to or on behalf of any such candidates for the purposes of this chapter.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides a limitation on direct expenditures by political parties and political committees.