

Amendment No. 2 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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The Committee on Election Reform offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 8, between lines 24 and 25 of the bill

insert:

Section 4. Paragraph(a) of subsection (1) of section 106.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(1)(a) Each candidate for nomination or election to office and each political committee shall appoint a campaign treasurer. Each person who seeks to qualify for nomination or election to, or retention in, office shall appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a primary campaign depository prior to qualifying for office. Any person who seeks to qualify for election or nomination to any office by means of the petitioning process shall appoint a treasurer and designate a primary depository on or before the date he or she obtains the petitions. Each candidate shall at the same time he or she designates a campaign depository and appoints a treasurer also

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1 designate the office for which he or she is a candidate. If
2 the candidate is running for an office which will be grouped
3 on the ballot with two or more similar offices to be filled at
4 the same election, the candidate must indicate for which group
5 or district office he or she is running. Nothing in this
6 subsection shall prohibit a candidate, at a later date, from
7 changing the designation of the office for which he or she is
8 a candidate. However, if a candidate changes the designated
9 office for which he or she is a candidate, the candidate must
10 notify all contributors in writing of the intent to seek a
11 different office and offer to return pro rata, upon their
12 request, those contributions given in support of the original
13 office sought. This notification shall be given within 15 days
14 after the filing of the change of designation and shall
15 include a standard form developed by the Division of Elections
16 for requesting the return of contributions. The notice
17 requirement shall not apply to any change in a numerical
18 designation resulting solely from redistricting. If, within
19 30 days after being notified by the candidate of the intent to
20 seek a different office, the contributor notifies the
21 candidate in writing that the contributor wishes his or her
22 contribution to be returned, the candidate shall return the
23 contribution, on a pro rata basis, calculated as of the date
24 the change of designation is filed. Any contributions not
25 requested to be returned within the 30-day period may be used
26 by the candidate for the newly designated office. No person
27 shall accept any contribution or make any expenditure with a
28 view to bringing about his or her nomination, election, or
29 retention in public office, or authorize another to accept
30 such contributions or make such expenditure on the person's
31 behalf, unless such person has appointed a campaign treasurer

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1 and designated a primary campaign depository. For the purposes
 2 of this section a designation of a primary campaign depository
 3 is deemed to be completed when it is postmarked to or filed
 4 with, whichever is earlier, the officer before whom the
 5 candidate is required to qualify.A candidate for an office
 6 voted upon statewide may appoint not more than 15 deputy
 7 campaign treasurers, and any other candidate or political
 8 committee may appoint not more than 3 deputy campaign
 9 treasurers. The names and addresses of the campaign treasurer
 10 and deputy campaign treasurers so appointed shall be filed
 11 with the officer before whom such candidate is required to
 12 qualify or with whom such political committee is required to
 13 register pursuant to s. 106.03. Each candidate who qualifies
 14 with the Department of State for an office not voted upon
 15 statewide shall, at the same time, file a copy of the name and
 16 address of the campaign treasurer with the supervisor of
 17 elections in the county in which the candidate resides.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, line 28

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24 after the semicolon insert:

25 amending s. 106.021, F.S., relating to the
 26 designation of a campaign depository;

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