

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Klein

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to campaign financing; amending
3 s. 106.09, F.S.; increasing penalties for
4 making certain illegal campaign contributions;
5 providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Section 106.09, Florida Statutes, is
10 amended to read:

11 106.09 Cash contributions and contribution by
12 cashier's checks.--

13 (1) No person shall make or accept a cash contribution
14 or contribution by means of a cashier's check in excess of
15 \$100.

16 (2)(a) Any person who makes or accepts a contribution
17 in an amount of \$25,000 or more in violation of this section
18 is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as
19 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

20 (b) Any person who makes or accepts a contribution in
21 an amount more than \$100 but less than \$25,000 in violation of
22 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree,
23 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000.
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26 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
27 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
28 SB 1412

29 The Committee Substitute increases the criminal penalty from a
30 first-degree misdemeanor to a third-degree felony for making
or accepting a cash contribution of \$25,000 or more.

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