

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators  
 Saunders, Kirkpatrick, Rossin and Sebesta

313-1086-00

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to political committees;  
 3           amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining the term  
 4           "political committee" for purposes of the  
 5           campaign finance laws; providing an effective  
 6           date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 106.011, Florida  
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12           106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
 13 following terms have the following meanings unless the context  
 14 clearly indicates otherwise:

15           (1) "Political committee" means a combination of two  
 16 or more individuals, or a person other than an individual, the  
 17 major ~~primary or incidental~~ purpose of which is to support or  
 18 oppose any candidate, issue, or political party. For purposes  
 19 of this subsection, the term "major purpose" means making or  
 20 accepting ~~which accepts~~ contributions or making ~~makes~~  
 21 expenditures to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a  
 22 candidate or issue during a calendar year in an aggregate  
 23 amount in excess of \$500.~~+~~"Political committee" also means  
 24 the sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment by  
 25 initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered  
 26 electors. Organizations which are certified by the Department  
 27 of State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s.  
 28 106.04, national political parties, and the state and county  
 29 executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter  
 30 103 shall not be considered political committees for the  
 31 purposes of this chapter. Corporations regulated by chapter

1 607 or chapter 617 or other business entities formed for  
2 purposes other than to support or oppose issues or candidates  
3 are not political committees if their political activities are  
4 limited to contributions to candidates, political parties, or  
5 political committees or expenditures in support of or  
6 opposition to an issue from corporate or business funds and if  
7 no contributions are received by such corporations or business  
8 entities.

9           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
10 law.

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13                           SENATE SUMMARY

14           Redefines the term "political committee" for purposes of  
15           the campaign finance laws.

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