

By the Committee on Election Reform and Representative  
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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the definition of "political  
committee"; amending s. 106.011, F.S.;  
modifying the definition of "political  
committee"; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(1) "Political committee" means a combination of two  
or more individuals, or a person other than an individual, the  
major primary or incidental purpose of which is to support or  
oppose any candidate, issue, or political party. For purposes  
of this subsection, "major purpose" means accepting, which  
accepts contributions or making ~~makes~~ expenditures which  
expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or  
issue during a calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess  
of \$500.~~7~~"Political committee" also means the sponsor of a  
proposed constitutional amendment by initiative who intends to  
seek the signatures of registered electors. Organizations  
which are certified by the Department of State as committees  
of continuous existence pursuant to s. 106.04, national  
political parties, and the state and county executive  
committees of political parties regulated by chapter 103 shall  
not be considered political committees for the purposes of  
this chapter. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter  
617 or other business entities formed for purposes other than

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

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
8 law.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Modifies the basic definition of "political committee" to  
13 mean a combination of two or more individuals, or a  
14 person other than an individual, the major purpose of  
15 which is to support or oppose any candidate, issue, or  
16 political party. Defines "major purpose" as accepting  
17 contributions or making expenditures which expressly  
18 advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or issue  
19 during a calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess  
20 of \$500.

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