

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Smith

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to campaign finance; creating
s. 106.115, F.S.; requiring persons to maintain
records and to file disclosure of certain
political expenditures in which a candidate is
named or depicted; providing penalties;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 106.115, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

106.115 Certain disclosures required.--

(1) Each person that makes an expenditure during the
60 days before any election for the purchase of a political
advertisement that names or depicts a candidate for office in
that election, whether in print or in a broadcast medium, must
disclose the source of the funds expended, the amount
expended, and the recipient of the funds. If the person is a
candidate or political committee required to appoint a
campaign treasurer, the campaign treasurer is responsible for
maintaining the records necessary to comply with this section
and for filing the disclosure. If the person is a natural
person who is not a candidate, he or she is responsible for
maintaining the records necessary to comply with this section
and for filing the disclosure. If the person is an
organization of any sort other than a political committee, it
must designate an individual responsible for maintaining the
records necessary to comply with this section and for filing
the disclosure. Disclosure under this section must be filed 10

1 days before the election with the officer before whom the
2 candidate named or depicted is required by law to qualify.

3 (2) Failure to file a disclosure required by this
4 section is subject to the same penalties as failure to file a
5 report required by s. 106.07.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

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8 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
10 SB 1656

11 The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1656 differs in the
12 original bill in that it: Provides that a person sponsoring a
13 political ad in print or broadcast medium within 60 days
14 before an election, that names or depicts a candidate for
15 office for that election, must report the source, amount and
16 recipient of the funds. The report must be made no later than
17 10 days before the election, and must be filed with the
18 qualifying officer of the candidate depicted in the ad.
19 Failure to do so results in civil fines.