

By Representative Henriquez

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 or accepting certain illegal campaign
 5 contributions; providing an effective date.

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

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) A No person may not ~~shall~~ make or accept a cash
 14 contribution or contribution by means of a cashier's check in
 15 excess of \$100.

16 (2)(a) Any person who makes or accepts a contribution
 17 in excess of \$100 in violation of this section commits is
 18 ~~guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
 19 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

20 (b) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes or
 21 accepts a contribution in excess of \$5,000 in violation of
 22 this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable
 23 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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27 HOUSE SUMMARY

28 Provides that knowingly and willfully making or accepting
 29 a contribution in cash or by means of a cashier's check
 30 in excess of \$5,000 constitutes a third degree felony.
 31 Retains the first degree misdemeanor penalty for making
 or accepting a contribution in cash or by means of a
 cashier's check in excess of \$100, whether or not the act
 was done knowingly and willfully.