

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the definition of "political  
3           committee"; amending s. 106.011, F.S.;  
4           modifying the definition of "political  
5           committee"; 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. Subsection (1) of section 106.011, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
12 following terms have the following meanings unless the context  
13 clearly indicates otherwise:

14           (1)(a) "Political committee" means:

15           1. A combination of two or more individuals, or a  
16 person other than an individual, that, in an aggregate amount  
17 in excess of \$500 during a single calendar year:

18           a. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making  
19 contributions to any candidate, political committee, committee  
20 of continuous existence, or political party;

21           b. Accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly  
22 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or issue;

23           c. Makes expenditures that expressly advocate the  
24 election or defeat of a candidate or issue; or

25           d. Makes contributions to a common fund, other than a  
26 joint checking account between spouses, from which  
27 contributions are made to any candidate, political committee,  
28 committee of continuous existence, or political party.~~the~~  
29 ~~primary or incidental purpose of which is to support or oppose~~  
30 ~~any candidate, issue, or political party, which accepts~~  
31 ~~contributions or makes expenditures during a calendar year in~~

1 ~~an aggregate amount in excess of \$500; "political committee"~~  
2 ~~also means~~

3 2. The sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment  
4 by initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered  
5 electors.

6 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following  
7 entities shall not be considered political committees for  
8 purposes of this chapter:

9 1. Organizations which are certified by the Department  
10 of State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s.  
11 106.04, national political parties, and the state and county  
12 executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter  
13 103 ~~shall not be considered political committees for the~~  
14 ~~purposes of this chapter.~~

15 2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter  
16 617 or other business entities formed for purposes other than  
17 to support or oppose issues or candidates, ~~are not political~~  
18 ~~committees~~ if their political activities are limited to  
19 contributions to candidates, political parties, or political  
20 committees or expenditures in support of or opposition to an  
21 issue from corporate or business funds and if no contributions  
22 are received by such corporations or business entities.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
24 law.