

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Sanderson

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to political contributions;
amending s. 106.08, F.S.; clarifying
requirements for soliciting and accepting
charitable contributions; reenacting a
prohibition against indirect campaign
contributions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

106.08 Contributions; limitations on.--

(5)(a) A person may not make any contribution through or in the name of another, directly or indirectly, in any election.

(b) Candidates, political committees, and political parties may not solicit contributions from ~~or make contributions to~~ any religious, charitable, civic, or other causes or organizations established primarily for the public good.

(c) Candidates, political committees, and political parties may not make contributions, in exchange for political support, to any religious, charitable, civic, or other cause or organization established primarily for the public good.

~~However,~~It is not a violation of this paragraph subsection for:

1. A candidate, political committee, or political party executive committee to make gifts of money in lieu of flowers in memory of a deceased person;~~or for~~

1 2. A candidate to continue membership in, or make
2 regular donations from personal or business funds to,
3 religious, political party, civic, or charitable groups of
4 which the candidate is a member or to which the candidate has
5 been a regular donor for more than 6 months; or-

6 3. A candidate to may purchase, with campaign funds,
7 tickets, admission to events, or advertisements from
8 religious, civic, political party, or charitable groups.

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

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12 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
14 Senate Bill 1350

15 The Committee Substitute differs from the original bill in
16 that it: re-enacts the prohibition against making indirect
17 campaign contributions; and, limits the prohibition in current
18 statute against candidates, political committees, and
19 political parties making contributions to charitable
20 organizations to only those contributions made in exchange for
21 political support.
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